Know all Men by these presents that I Jonathan B Sibley of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal. and Sam'l Harrington and Charles A Pierce of Said Grafton as Sureties. are holden and Stand firmly bound and Obliged unto the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid in the full and just Sum of Five Hundred Dollars. to be paid unto the Said Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton their Successors or Assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves our Heirs. Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents - Witness our Hands and Seals this Seventh day of March in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty nine -- The condition of this Obliga=tion is such that Whereas. at the Annual Meet=ing of Said Inhabitants of Grafton held on the Seventh day of March in the Year Eighteen hund=red and fifty Nine. the Said Jonathan B Sibley was duly Elected a Constable of Said Grafton for the Year ensuing.- Now if the Said Jonathan B Sibley Shall faithfully perform his duties as Constable in the Service of civil processes which may be committed to him as such Constable then this Obligation Shall be void. Otherwise Shall Remain in full force power and virtue

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of Joseph Daniels

Jonathan B Sibley L.S
Sam'l Harrington L.S
C A Pierce L.S

Approved. I A Forbush
Cyrus D Aldrich
I C Flagg
Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy. Recved at 7h 30m P.M
March 12th 1859
James W White Town Clerk

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Know all Men by these presents that I Willard D Wheeler of Grafton in the county of Worcester as principal. and Winthrop Faulkner and H S Warren of said Grafton as Sureties are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid in the full and just Sum of five hundred Dollars to be paid unto the said Inhabitants of Grafton their Successors or assigns. to the which payment well and truly to be made. we bind Ourselves. Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents -
Witness our hands and Seals this Eleventh day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty nine -
The condition of this Obligation is such that Whereas. at the annual Meeting of said inhabitants of Grafton held on the Seventh day of March in the Year Eighteen hundred and fifty nine the said Willard D Wheeler was duly Elected a Constable of said Grafton for the Year then ensuing - Now if the said Wheeler shall faithfully perform his duties as Constable in the Service of civil processes which may be committed to him as such Constable. Then this Obligation Shall be void. Otherwise Shall Remain in full force and virtue -

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
G M Wheeler
L S Wheelock
L S Wheelock

W D Wheeler L S
Winthrop Faulkner "
H S Warren "

Examined and Approved.
I A Forbush
I C Flagg
Cyrus D Aldrich
Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy Rec'd at 1h. 30m P.M. March 21 1859
James W White Town Clerk

Graston April 4th 1859

The Inhabitants of the Town of Graston qualified to Vote in Town affairs. met in the Town Hall in said Graston at One Oclock P M according to adjournment from March 7th 1859 and transacted the following business (viz

The Records of the last meeting (except the Reports of the Several Town Officers which had been Printed and distributed. and the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards which the Town voted to Omit Reading) were read by the Clerk and Approved by Vote of the Town —

1st 2

Rev. Mr Scandlin having declined Serving as one of the General School Committee. the Town proceeded to Ballot for One in his place and Rev T C Biscoe was by Ballot. Elected as one of the General School Committee to Serve two Years in place of Wm G Scandlin — declined

F H Merriam having declined Serving as Highway Surveyor — Joseph Merriam Jr was Chosen by nomination in his place and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of that Office by James W White Town Clerk

Joseph Batchelor having declined Serving as Highway Surveyor — Orlando Whitney was Chosen by nomination in his place —

As none of the Field drivers. Chosen at the annual Meeting of the Town for the choise of Town Officers had accepted of the Office it was on Motion voted to choose One Field-driver for the Year ensuing — By nomination chose Rufus W Davenport Field driver for the Year ensuing —

Voted to Authorize the Selectmen to fill all Vacancy's in Town Officers so far as the Law will allow —

A Record from the General School Committee was called for. but no answer was Recevid.

Trustees of Riverside Cemetery. Presented through their Treasurer the following Report to the Town — Balance in Treasury March 1st 1858. $149.89

Recevd for Lots Sold 27,98 $177,87

Expended for Repairs & improvements 8341

Leaving a Balance in the Treasury $94.46

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Lewis Holbrook. Treasurer

Grafton March 7th 1859

Voted to Accept the Report

Voted to dissolve this meeting

A True Record

James M White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester— Greeting
In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby Required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the fourth day of April next. at two Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles to wit—

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting

" 2 To See if the Town will make any alteration in their Town Hall by purchasing of the Congregational Society a portion of their Real Estate including the Room over the Town Hall recently Vacated by Said Congregational Society. Or accept any proposition which the Society may make in Relation to the above named Estate and the conditions of Sale or alterations. and to act in any way and Manner in Order to carry the same into Effect. or act thereon as petitioned for by Esek Saunders and Others—

" 3d To See what the Town will do with the uncollected Taxes. in the Hands of the Old Collectors or act thereon—

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested. Copy thereof at Each of the Public Meeting Houses in the centre of Said Town. and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village. Farnumsville and Saunders Village. to Stand over two Sundays at Least before the time of holding Said Meeting—

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings

over

thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid -

Given under Our hands this twenty fifth day of March in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty nine

S A Forbush
S C Flagg
Cyrus D Aldrich
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss

March 26th 1859

I have this day Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof. at each of the Public Meeting Houses as therein directed -

W D Wheeler Constable

A True Record

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 4th 1859

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. held in the Town Hall. in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant the following proceedings were had viz -

1st By Ballot chose S. D Hall Moderator -

Took up the 2d Article in the Warrant -

A motion was made to pass over the article the vote taken and declared by the Moderator in the negative which was doubted. the house divided - the Voters counted by the Selectmen whereupon it was found that One hundred and thirty were in favor of passing over the article and Eighty Six were opposed to it -

Took up the 3 article and on motion Voted that the Selectmen Settle with the Old Collectors - then Voted to dissolve this meeting -

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 25th 1859

At a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton this day. the following Officers were appointed. by them for the ensuing year agreeably to a Vote passed by said Town of Grafton passed at the Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town holden on the Seventh day of March A D 1859 -

Viz -

Measurers of Wood and Bark -

W D Wheeler
C C. Wood
Charles Fowler
Gilbert C Taft Sworn May 30th 1859 by J M White Town Clerk
James H Wright Sworn May 2d 1859 by J M White T Clerk
Erastus Fisher
S A Knowles. Sworn May 2d 1859 by J M White T Clerk
Lewis H Bigelow Sworn May 9th 1859. by J M White T Clerk
C J Leland
D B Wingate
C D Aldrich declina

Surveyors of Lumber

William T Lesure Sworn April 30th 1859 by J M White T Clerk
Noah Fletcher
Moses Quinby
C B Jun Rs

Sealers of Leather

John Whitney
L W Dodge Sworn May 4th 1859. by J M White Town Clerk
Geo. W C Babcock. Sworn. May 2 1859. by J M White Town Clerk

Fence Viewers

Elijah Stow. Sworn May 9th 1859 by Town Clerk
Jonas H Allen . Sworn May 9th 1859. by Town Clerk
Jefferson Bellows Sworn May 9th 1859 by Town Clerk
R C Warren

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Nathan Hancock - Sworn Apl. 30th by J W White Town Clerk

Weighers of Coal

C D Aldrich Sworn May 9th 1859 By J W White Town Clerk
Gilbert C Taft Sworn May 30th 1859 By J W White Town Clerk
Sam'l Harrington
I A Knowles. Sworn May 2d 1859. by J W White T Clerk
James H Wright Sworn May 2d 1859 by J W White T Clerk

Pound Keeper.

Lewi J Ford. Sworn June 2d 1859 by our J W White Town Clerk

Fire Engineers —

Horace J Warren
Geo F Slocomb
J M Leland.
Alfred Morse
R C Warren.
E B Brooks

Erastus Fisher
Gilbert C Taft
Jessy H Smith declined
Sam'l B Dolliver declined
Lawson Munyan -
A D Shattuck in place of Dolliver & Smith decd

A True Record
~~Attest~~

James W White Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton holden May 9th 1859. Henry Crispin and Barnabas Newton were appointed Field drivers for the Year Ensuing -

D. B Wingate was appointed "Liquor Agent" in accordance with the provisions of Sec 5 Chap. 215 - Acts 1855

Grafton May 27th 1859.

Henry Crispin personally appeared and was duly sworn as field drivir

Know all Men by these presents that We Rufus E Warren of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal and Luke F Allen and Joseph B Adams both of said Grafton as Sureties are holden and firmly bound to said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorney in the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our Heirs Executors and Administrators jointly by these presents—

The condition of this Obligation is such that whereas the said Rufus E Warren has been chosen Treasurer of the Town of Grafton for the year ensuing and has accepted of that Office and been duly sworn to the discharge of the duties of the same. Now if the said Rufus E Warren shall as Treasurer aforesaid faithfully and with fidelity discharge all the Legal duties of the aforesaid Office then this Obligation shall be void Otherwise shall remain in full force and virtue

Sealed with our Seals and dated this in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty nine—

Signed and Sealed in presence of Alfred Holden

Rufus E Warren L.S.
Luke F Allen L.S.
Joseph B Adams L.S.

We have Examined the within Bond and approve the Same

Horace Batchelor
S A Forbush
Cyrus D Aldrich
E B Brooks
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy Received May 9th 1859
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

10 Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the ninth day of May next at two Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles to wit;—

1st To choose a Moderator to Preside in said Meeting

2. To see if the Town will abolish the School Districts therein. and take possession of all the School Houses Lands. Apparatus. and Other property Owned and used for School purposes. which Such Districts may Sell and convey. And cause the property so taken to be appraised. and Such other proceedings to be had as may be necessary to compensate the Inhabitants of Such Districts for Such property or act thereon

3d. To see if the Town will provide Suitable School. Houses. Lands and Apparatus to be used for School purposes for the accommodation of the Schools of the Town. and purchase Lands. and purchase. Erect. Alter or repair any Building or Buildings therefor in any part of the Town or act thereon as Petitioned for by Royal A Keith and Others—

4th. To Hear the Report of any Out Standing Committee and act thereon—

You are also Required to notify and warn the Inhabitants aforesaid to meet at the Town Hall aforesaid on Said ninth Day of May at One Oclock in the afternoon to bring in their

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votes to the Selectmen. Yes. or No. for or against an Article of Amendment to the Constitution of Massachusetts.

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at Each of the Public Meeting Houses in the center of Said Town. and at the Meeting Houses in New-England Village. Farnums Ville and Saunders Village. to Stand Over two Sundays at least before the time of holding Said Meeting.

Hereof Fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid-

Given under Our hands this twenty fifth day of April in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty nine-

Horace Batchelor.
S A Forbush
Samuel C Flagg
Cyrus D Aldrich
E B Brooks

} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss- May 9th 1859
I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting Up an attested Copy thereof at Each of the Public Meeting Houses. as therein Directed-

J B Sibley Constable-

A True Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton May 9th AD 1859

The Legal Voters of the Town of Grafton having met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton at One Oclock P M. this ninth day of May AD 1859. in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant. The meeting was called to Order by Horace Batchelor. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The Warrant calling the Meeting - The Article of amendment to the Constitution of Massachusetts. together with the Resolves of the Legislature concerning the Same were read by the Town Clerk. and at the Opening of the Polls it was on Motion Voted that the Polls be closed at four Oclock P M.

At ten minuets past three Oclock P M it was on motion Voted to Reconsider the Vote to close the Polls at four Oclock P M. then Voted that the Polls be closed now. the Polls were then closed. the Votes Sorted counted Recorded and declared. Return made out Signed and Sealed up as the Law directs as follows

Amendment to the Constitution Yes Eighty four Votes

Amendment to the Constitution No Fifty four Votes -

The Meeting was then dissolved

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton May 9th A D 1859

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs having met in the Town Hall at two Oclock P M this ninth day of May A D 1859 in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant the following proceedings were had viz

1st By Ballot. Chose. S D Hall Moderator—

Took up the 2d article in the Warrant.

A motion was made by Jonas H Allen to pass over the article— after some discussion the vote was taken on Mr Allen's motion. and decided in the affirmative.— The vote was doubted— the House divided and the Voters Counted by the Selectmen— the vote stood for passing over the article Sixty two vote ,62

against passing over the article Fifty votes— 50

Article passed over—

Took up the 3d article in the Warrant and on motion voted to pass over the article—

Took up the 4th article in the Warrant and on Motion voted to pass over the article—

Then voted to dissolve this meeting

~~Attest~~ James W White Town Clerk

To James W White. Clerk of the Town of Grafton —

The undersigned Assessors of Said Town. havr Located for the purpose of Taxation the following Non. Resident Owners of Property in Said Town in School District Number four —

Thomas C Axtell	~~Saint Louis~~	Mo
Jonas Bartlett	Worcester	Mass —

Grafton June 13th 1859.

J H Wood
John McClellon
D B Wingate
} Assessors of Grafton —

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Know all Men by these presents That We Henry B Fairbanks of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Principal, and Chandler M Pratt, and N G Whitney of said Grafton as Sureties are holden and Stand firmly bound and Obliged unto the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid in the full and just Sum of five hundred dollars to be paid unto the said Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton or their Successors or Assigns. To which payment well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents - Sealed with Our Seals - Dated the Sixteenth day of June in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty nine --

The condition of this Obligation is such That Whereas at the last annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Grafton held in the Month of March now Last past for the Election of Town Officers for said Town the said Henry B Fairbanks was duly elected as one of the constables of said Town - Now if the said Henry B Fairbanks shall well, punctually, and faithfully discharge and perform all of the services and duties incumbent on him as such Constable for said Town during his term of Office, in the service of all civil processes which may be committed to him, then this Obligation to be Void and of no effect, Otherwise to remain in full force -

Executed in presence of
Robert Morey

Henry B Fairbanks L S
C M Pratt L S
N G Whitney L S

Grafton June 20th A D 1859 We certify that we are satisfied that the within Bond and Sureties are sufficient and we do hereby signify Our Approval of the Same -

H Batchelor
S A Forbush
S C Flagg
E B Brooks
Cyrus D Hdrick
Selectmen of the Town of Grafton

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Whereas a controvercy has arisen between Robert D Chase and Samuel H Allen both of Grafton about their respective rights in a partition fence in the line between their Land or Farms in Grafton —— We the Subscribers Fence Viewers of the Town of Grafton duly chosen and Sworn, having on the Application of the Said Chase and after having given due notice to the Said Allen, and Chase viewed the premises and duly considered the matter in dispute, have Assigned and do hereby Assign to each of the Said parties his Share of the Said Fence as follows Viz

Beginning at the Road at the Line between the Land of the Said Allen and Chase, from thence running Eastwardly by the Line about twenty one feet to a Stake in the ground, this we Assign to the Said Chase, from thence running about forty one feet to a Stake in the ground, this we Assign to the Said Allen — from thence running about forty one feet to a Stake in the Ground, this we Assign to the Said Chase, from thence running about twenty one feet to land of Mr Dolliver this we Assign to the Said Allen. This is in One Straight line ——

The Said Chase and Allen Shall repair or Rebuild and Keep in Repair a good and Sufficient Fence. Each his portion of Said Fence Assigned to him. And each party is to erect or repair his part of Said Fence within fifteen days from the Date hereof.

Given under our hands at Said Grafton this 24. day of September 1859 ——

Elijah Stow
J H Allen
} Fence Viewers

A True Copy Received at 5h 35m P.M September 24 AD 1859
James W White Town Clerk Grafton

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the Eighth day of November next at nine Oclock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Reciever General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General, of the Commonwealth. And for a Senator for the East Worcester District, and for a Councillor for District No Six. Also to bring in their votes for a Sheriff, and for a District Attorney, and four Commissioners of Insolvency, and for One County Commissioner, and for two Special Commissioners for the County of Worcester for the year ensuing -

Also to Choose a Representative to Represent the Seventeenth District in the County of Worcester in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. -

The votes for all the above Officers will be recieved Open and unfolded, on One Ballot, or on Separate Ballots, in Sealed envelopes, as may best suit the voters each vote to specify the Office voted for. - The Polls will be Opened to recieve the votes for the above Officers at ten Oclock A M on said day -

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the Centre of said Town, and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting -

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Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to Our Selves. at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under Our hands this Twenty fourth day of October in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty nine -.

Horace Batchelor
I A Forbush
Samuel C Flagg
E B Brooks -
Cyrus D Aldrich

} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss.

October 27th A D 1859

I have this day Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses as therein directed -

Attest

J B Sibley. Constable

A true Copy of Warrant and Return.

Attest

James W White Town Clerk

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified as by the Constitution required to vote for Civil Officers. holden in the Town Hall in Said Grafton on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November. being the Eighth day of Said Month in the Year one thousand Eight hundred and fifty nine. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor. Lieutenant Governor. Secretary of the Commonwealth.- Treasurer and Reciever General - Auditor of Accounts. and Attorney General of the Commonwealth.. and for a Senator for the East Worcester District. and for a Councillor for District Number Six.. Also to give in their votes for a Sheriff for Worcester County. and for a District Attorney for the Middle District. and for four Commissioners of Insolvency.. And for One County Commissioner. and for two Special Commissioners for the County of Worcester Also to Choose a Representative to represent the Seventeenth. District in Worcester County. in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.— At the Opening of the Meeting at ten Oclock A.M. Before proceeding to Ballot. it was Voted to close the Polls at three Oclock P.M.— At three Oclock P.M. the Polls were closed and all the votes given in having been sorted and Counted were as follows- Viz-

The whole Number of votes for Governor was Three hundred. Sixty One 361

Nathaniel P. Banks of Waltham had. two hundred. forty five Votes- 245

Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell. had Seventy two Votes- 72

George N. Briggs of Pittsfield had forty four votes- 44

The whole Number of votes for Lieutenant Governor was three hundred Sixty four. 364

Elisha Lee Trask of Springfield had two hundred forty nine votes 249

Stephen C Bemis of Springfield had Seventy two votes— 72

Increase Sumner of Great Barrington had forty three votes— 43

The Whole Number of votes for Secretary of the Commonwealth was three hundred Sixty five 365

Oliver Warner of Northampton had two hundred fifty One votes— 251

Samuel W Bowerman of Adams had Seventy two votes— 72

Benjamin L Allen of Boston had forty two votes 42

The Whole Number of votes for Treasurer and Reciever General was three hundred Sixty 360

Moses Tenney of Georgetown had two hundred forty Six votes— 246

George Bennett of Boston had Seventy two votes— 72

Charles Kimball of Ipswich had forty two votes— 42

The Whole Number of votes for Auditor of Accounts was three hundred Sixty three— 363

Charles White of Worcester had two
hundred forty nine Votes — 249

James E Babcock of Worcester had
Seventy two Votes — 72

James W Sewel of Boston had
forty two Votes — 42

The Whole Number of Votes for Attorny General
was three hundred Sixty Six 366

Stephen H Phillips of Salem had two
hundred fifty two Votes 252

David H Mason of Newton had
Seventy two Votes — 72

Henry Morris of Springfield had
forty two Votes — 42

The Whole Number of Votes for Senator for the
East Worcester District was three hundred twenty Eight 328

John E Frye of Bolton had two
hundred fifty three Votes 253

Wm H Knowlton of Shrewsbury had
Seventy One Votes — 71

Jeduthan Dadmun had two Votes 2

C M Batchelor had One Vote 1

Liberty Wood of Boston had One Vote 1

The whole number of Votes for Councillor for
District Numbes Six was three hundred twenty six 326

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For Councillor Aaron C Mayhew of Milford had two hundred and forty nine Votes 249.

Andrew H Ward Jr of Newton had Seventy two Votes- 72

John W Slocomb had two Votes- 2

George P Burnham of Melrose had One Vote 1

Daniel A Wesson of Grafton had One Vote 1

Winthrop Faulkner of Grafton had One Vote 1

The Whole Number of Votes for Sheriff for Worcester County was three hundred forty four 344

J. L. C Knowlton of Worcester had two hundred fifty three Votes- 253

Giles H Whitney of Winchendon had Seventy five Votes- 75

Geo W Richardson had twelve Votes- 12

J B Sibley had One Vote- 1

Winthrop Faulkner had one Vote- 1

W D Wheeler had One Vote- 1

H. W. Pratt had One Vote 1

Whole number of Votes for District Attorney for the Middle District was three hundred and thirty 330

P Emory Aldrich of Worcester two hundred fifty four Votes- 254

For district Attorney. Charles Bimblecom of Barre had Seventy two votes — 72

S H Allen of Grafton had three votes 3

Leander Stockwell had One vote 1

The Whole number of votes for County Commissioner for the County of Worcester was three hundred thirty

Amory Holman of Bolton had two hundred fifty three votes — 253

Wm Bennett of Hubbardston had Seventy two votes — 72
T C Biscoe had one vote 1
W D Wheeler had one vote 1
J H Wood had One vote 1
Joseph Bruce of Grafton had One vote 1
Benjamin Aldrich of Grafton had one vote 1

The Whole number of votes for Special Commissioners was six hundred fifty six 656

Thomas Billings of Lunenburg had two hundred fifty three votes — 253

Bowen Nye of North Brookfield had two hundred fifty three votes — 253

Millens Taft of Blackstone had Seventy two votes — 72
Simeon Lamb of Charlton had Seventy two votes — 72

J H Wood had one vote — 1
W F Slocomb had One vote — 1
W D Wheeler had One vote — 1
Joseph W Leland of Grafton had One vote 1
James Carney of Grafton had One vote 1
Horace S Warren of Grafton had One vote 1

The Whole number of Votes for Commissioners of Insolvency was thirteen hundred Eigh. 1308

W A Williams of Worcester had Two hundred fifty Three Votes 253

David H Merriam of Fitchburg had Two hundred fifty Three Votes— 253

T. G Kent of Milford had Two hundred fifty Three Votes— 253

D L Morrill of West Brookfield had Two hundred fifty Three Votes— 253

J W Mansur of Fitchburg had Seventy Two Votes 72.
B D Hyde of Sturbridge had Seventy Two Votes 72
Appleton Dadmun of Worcester had Seventy Two Votes 72
Leander Holbrook of Milford had Seventy Two Votes 72.

Winthrop Faulkner of Grafton had Two Votes 2
H S. Warren had ~~Two~~ Vote— 2
Otis Adams had One Vote— 1
Willard D Wheeler had One Vote— 1
Barnabas Newton had One Vote— 1
Peter Spicer Had One Vote— 1

The Whole Number of Votes for Representative to represent the Seventeenth District in Worcester County was three hundred fifty Eight— 358

Jedidiah Dadmun had One Vote 1
Lowel White had Two Votes 2
I A Forbush had One hundred nineteen Votes 119
Charles Brigham had two hundred thirty Six Votes. and was Elected— 236

All the foregoing Votes having been Recorded, declared, and certificates of the same made out, Signed, Sealed up and directed as the Law requires. in Open Town Meeting— it was Voted "to dissolve this Meeting"

~~Attest~~ James W White Town Clerk

Know all Men by these presents. that We, Jonathan B Sibley of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Principal, and Delano Pierce and Lewis W Dodge of Said Grafton as Sureties, are holden and firmly bound to the Said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorney in the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars. for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves and Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these Presents - Sealed with Our Seals. and dated this Eighth day of June in the Year Eighteen hundred and fifty nine -

The Condition of this Obligation is such that Whereas the Said Jonathan B Sibley has been Chosen Collector of Taxes for Said Town of Grafton for the Current Year and has accepted that Office and been duly Sworn to the discharge of the duties of the Same. Now if the Said Jonathan B Sibley Shall as Collector as aforesaid faithfully collect account for and pay over all the Taxes which he Shall be Legally required to Collect, and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the Other Legal duties of the aforesaid Office. Then this Obligation Shall be void. Otherwise it Shall remain in full force and virtue -

Jonathan B Sibley L S
Delano Pierce L S
Lewis W Dodge L S

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
Thos T Biggs.
John Brophy

A True Copy Received November 28th A D 1859
James W White Town Clerk

Know all Men by that we William T Barker as principal and D B Wingate and L M Smith as Sureties are holden and Stand firmly bound to the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the Sum of Six hundred Dollars to be paid unto them their Successors or Assigns. to which payment we bind Ourselves. Our Heirs Executors and Administrators Jointly and Severally firmly by these presents.— Sealed with Our Seals and dated this tenth day of September A D 1859.

The condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas the above Bounden William T Barker has been duly appointed an Agent for the Town of Grafton to purchase Intoxicating Liquors and to Sell the Same Within - for and On Account of Said Town. to be used in the Arts. or for Medicinal. Chemical. and Mechanical purposes and no Other until the Seventh day of May A D 1860. unless Sooner removed from Said Agency— Now if the Said William T Barker Shall in all respects conform to the Provisions of Law relating to the business for which he is appointed and to Such Rules and regulations as now are or Shall from time to time be established by the Board making the appointment. then this Obligation to be Void Otherwise to remain in full force -

Wm T Barker L S
D B Wingate L S
L M Smith L S

A True Copy Received November 28th A D 1859
Attest
James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting –

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts – You are hereby Required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the fifth day of March next at Nine Oclock A.M to act on the following Articles to Wit –

1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting –

2d To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the year Ensuing –

3d To Hear the Reports of the Selectmen and act thereon –

4th To Hear the Report of the Town Treasurer and act thereon –

5 To Hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and act thereon –

6 To Hear the Report of the Collector of Taxes and act thereon –

7 To Hear the Report of the Engineers and act thereon –

8th To Hear the Reports of the General School Committee and act thereon –

9th To Hear the Report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery and act thereon –

10th To Hear the Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery and act thereon –

11 To Determine the manner of Repairing the Highways Townways and Bridges the Ensuing Year

12. To Raise Such Sum of Money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year and make Appropriations of the Same and act thereon –

13th To See what Discount the Town will make to those Persons who Shall Voluntarily pay their Taxes to

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the Collector within Such Periods of time as the Town Shall direct. and determine when all Taxes Shall be collected and paid in to the Treasurer. and fix the compensation of the Collector and act thereon --

14th To See what Compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the Dead the Ensuing Year and act thereon -

15th To See if the Town will cause one of the Church Bells in the Center of the Town to be Rung at Twelve Oclock M. and Nine Oclock P. M. or act thereon -

16th To See what compensation the Town will allow Engine Men for the Year Ensuing and act thereon -

17th To See if the Town will accept the List of Names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box or act thereon -

18th To determine the place within the Town where the High School Shall be kept the Ensuing Year -

19th To See if the Town will choose their Sextons for burying the Dead by Ballot, or Otherwise or act thereon. as petitioned for by Henry B Fairbanks and others

20th To See if the Town will discontinue the Old Road leading from the New Road northerly of the House of the Late Moses H Adams. to the Old House of Ebenezer Lincoln. as petitioned for by Joseph Adams 2 and others

21st To See if the Town will Fix a time when the Collectors of Taxes. Shall Return their Tax Bills to the Selectmen or act thereon -

22d To See what action if any the Town will take in regard to posting Copies of Warrants for Town Meetings at Farnums Ville

23d To hear the Report of any outstanding Committee and act thereon—

24th To accept Town Debts—

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the centre of said Town, and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village to Stand Over two Sundays at Least before the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid—

Given under Our Hands this twentieth day of February in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty—

Horace Batchelor
S A Forbush
S C Flagg
E B Brooks
Cyrus D Aldrich
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss.
February 24th A D. 1860

I have Served the foregoing Warrant this day by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses as therein directed—

W D Wheeler Constable of Grafton

A True Copy

James W White Town Clerk

At the Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of The Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Town affairs. held in the Town Hall in Said Grafton in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant. on Monday the fifth day of March A D 1860. at nine Oclock A M- the following business was transacted and proceedings had viz

1st By Ballot, made unanimous choice of S D Hall for Moderator. who upon taking the Stand. called upon Rev. J M Chick who invoked the Devine Bleping upon the proceedings of the Meeting ———

Then upon motion Voted to bring in the Votes for. 1 Town Clerk. Five Selectmen. Three Assessors- Three Overseers of the Poor. One Town Treasurer. One Genral School Committee. One Trustee of Roiverside Cemetery. and Eight Constables. On One Ballot.-

The Votes for the above named Officers having been brought in- Sorted and counted. resulted in the choise of the following Persons to wit.

For Town Clerk James W White who was Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by S D Hall. Moderator. of Said Meeting -

For Selectmen Horace Batchelor. C B Brooks Jonathan D Wheeler Horace S Warren. George W Estabrook. . who Severally came forward and were Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office. by S D Hall. Moderator of Said Meeting- and immediately entered upon the Same

For Assessors.

J F C Wood . Sworn March 9th 1860 by J W White Town Clerk.
John McClellan Sworn by S D Hall Moderator in Town Meeting
Robert Morey Sworn by S D Hall Moderator in Town Meeting,

For Overseers of the Poor J B Adams Luke F Allen J H Allen who Severally came forward and Signified their acceptance of the Office ——

For Town Treasurer. R E Warren. who was Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by S D Hall. Moderator of Said Meeting --

For General School Committee. Revd J M Chick do

For Trustee of Riverside Cemetery. R E Warren. who Signified his acceptance of the Office - -

For Constables

W D Wheeler .. Sworn. by S D Hall Moderator in Town Meeting
H B Fairbanks Sworn by S D Hall. Moderator in Town Meeting
J H Wright
S D Hall Sworn March 6th By J W White Town Clerk
Walter Forehand Sworn by S D Hall. Moderator. in open Town Meeting
David Chase Sworn March 12th 186 by J W White Town Clerk
Joshua Longdon Sworn March 6th 1860. by J W White Town Clerk
J B Sibley .. Sworn March 19th 1860 - by J W White Town Clerk

Voted. to choose thirteen Highway Surveyors by Nomination -- . Then Chose.

R A Keith . Sworn March 9th 1860. by J W White. Town Clerk
Elliott S Jourdan Sworn March 10th 1860 by J W White Town Clerk
H L Prentice Declined G F Jourdan Chosen
F McIntire Sworn March 16th 1860 by J W White Town Clerk
Otis Adams. Sworn March 14th 1860 by James W White Town Clerk
Albert Bradish Sworn March 13th 1860 by J W White Town Clerk
Benj W Fay Sworn by S D Hall. in open Town Meeting
Wm Prentice. Sworn by S D Hall Moderator in Open Town Meeting
L H Bigelow Declined J C Sinclair Chosen
Alfred Morse Sworn April 2 1860 by J W White Town Clerk
S P Champney Sworn March 6th 1860. by J W White Town Clerk
Jon P Stow. Sworn March 10th 1860 by J W White Town Clerk
Robert Morey. Sworn. in Open Town Meeting by S D Hall. Moderator

Voted to make the Highway Surveyors. Collectors of Highway Taxes for the Year Ensuing - -

Voted to authorise the Selectmen to appoint Measurers of Wod and Bark. Surveyors of Lumber Sealers of Leather. Fence Viewers Sealer of Weights and Measures. Pound Keeper. &c. Same as Last Year

Voted to have One Field Driver the present Year to be chosen by Nomination. and accordingly chose Silas A Pierce field driver for the present Year - who declines Serving -

Voted to add three to the List of Field Drivers - and accordingly chose Benjamin W Fay. who came forward and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by S D Hall. Moderator of Said Meeting - also chose

Charles Batchelder declines

David Chase Sworn March 12th 1860. by James W White Town Clerk

then Voted to add One more to the List of Field Drivers and then by Nomination chose Albert Bradish who was Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office March 13th 1860. by James W White Town Clerk

Took up the third article in the Warrant. - The Selectmen's Report having been prepared and Printed was accepted as Printed. Excepting three Typographical Errors which were pointed out and corrected before acceptance. and as corrected is as follows - viz

Selectmen's Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton -

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton. at the close of their Official Duties for the Year Ending March 5th 1860. Submit the following Report of the condition of the Town - viz

They have Settled with Rufus E Warren Treasurer of Said Town. and find his account correct and as follows -

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1859				
March	1st	Amount of Cash on hand	1610	55
April	16	Cash of State Treasurer (Military)	50	00
"	25	" Selectmens Note (4 months)	1500	00
May	30	Cash received of Robert Cochrane for Peddlers Licenses to 1860	10	00
June	25	Cash from Selectmen for Old Lumber	6	20
"	30	" Interest on E Singletarys Note.	60	00
"	"	" Selectmens Note (2 months)	1300	00
August	3	" Received from State School Fund	185	85
"	15	" " of J B Sibley Collector of Taxes.	2000	00
"	22	" " " " "	5207	00
Dec	3	" " " " State Tax	747	00
"	31	" " " " "	1265	00
1860.	Jan 2	" " " " County Tax	2268	68
"	9	" " " " "	429	20.
"	21	" " " " "	309	91
"	28	" " " " "	100	00
Feb.	20	" " of Geo F Slocomb. Collector for 1855-6 & 57	239	84
"	25	" " J B Sibley for 1859	120	08
"	29	" " J B White on a/c of D Whites Estate.	92	01
		Cash. Recived of James M White for Dog Licenses	182	00
		Cash received of Augustus Slocomb. Collector for 1858	81	53
		Cash received of J B Sibley Collector for. 1859.	112	32
		Whole Amt. of receipts -	17927	17

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By Paying Interest on Note to State Treasurer	90	00
" " for Common Schools for 1858	453	57
" " " High School for 1858	131	57
" " " " " 1859	796	92
" " " Common Schools for 1859	2719	56
" " Special appropriations on Highways.	280.	00
" " Assessors. Services for 1859.	145	36
" " " " 1858.	5	50
" Overseers of the Poor. for 1859.	725	00
" Samuel Hall. for Sextons Services previous to March 7th 1859. at $1.75 pr. Grave	19	25
" Do. Services Since March 7th 1859. at $2.50 per Grave	57	50

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By paying Josiah Hall Sexton & Graves at $1.75	1	00
" C B Jencks " at $2.50	22	50
" J J Woodbury general School Committe	30	00
" F M Sontire " "	64	00
" " " " for School Books	2	30
" " " " for printing Certificates	1	50
" " " " School Report Blanks	1	00
" H J Howland printing Town Reports	24	63
" Wm R Hooper " List of Voters	6	00
" Selectmens Note	1500	00
" Interest On Same	30	75
" Selectmens Note	1300	00
" Interest on Same	13	65
" State Tax	747	00
" County Tax	2268	68
" Interest on Note to State Treasurer	90	00
" Assessors Orders	59	51
" Breaking Roads in 1858	57	57
" State Lunatic Hospital on Act of David White	92	01
" " " on Act of Susan L Wheelock	143	60
" Orlando Whitney Special Repairs on Highways	57	00
" M Fassett for Ringing Bell	13	00
" Job Johnson damage to Self and Carriage caused by defect in Highway	59	00
" Fixtures for Engine Co. No 2.	25	00
" Repairs in Town Hall.	39	92
" John McClellan for Widening Road	12	00
" Furniture for Engine House No 2.	56	74
" Repairing Gates at Burying Ground	1	71
" Repairing Bridge (C B Brooks)	2	72
" Killing Dogs	8	00
" J W Leland Repairing Stove &c.	2	88
" Repairing Settees in Town Hall	2	50
" County Commissioners	21	50
" Selectmens Services for 1858	125	25
" Ringing Bell in 1858	35	00
" Repairing Hearse	3	00
" Plan of Engine House	2	00

By paying A Holbrook for Blank	86 14
" H S Warren Chief Engineer	650 00
" Care of Town Hall in 1858	1 38
" Printing School Reports. 1858.	18 00
" Repairing House for Engine No 2. . 1858.	4 98
" " Bridge at Fishers Ville	49 79
" Committee for making alterations in Town Hall	25 00
" " for defending Town against the claim of Smith Heirs	237. 91
" J M Davenport for Engine House No 2	625 00
" James F White Town Clerks Services &c.	210. 92
" W D Wheeler Posting Warrants.	8 50
" Insurance on Engine House	4 00
" C D Aldrich Cash Paid for Town	25 60
" H Batchelor. repairing Guide Boards	4 00
" J Warren. Office Rent.	40 00
" J B Sibley notifying Town Officers	10 00
" " Posting Warrants.	8 50
" " Collecting Taxes	15 75
" I G Congdon repairing Blinds on Engine House No 1	1 50
" Ebenezer Lincoln damage to Sheep	3 00
Whole Amount Paid Out	14389 12

Resources of the Town

Amount in hands of Treasurer	3538 05
" J B Sibley Collector for 1859	313 00
" E Singletary Note	1000 00
" Town Farm and Buildings thereon	6000 00
" Personal Property belonging to Farm	2462 86
Three Fire Engines and fixtures	3417 00
Three Engine Houses.	1900 00
Towns Safe and Office fixtures	360 00
Balance in hands of Liquor Agent.	210.53
Due from Guardian of Lucy Byron	30 86.
Resources	19232,30

Liabilities of the Town

Treasurer Note to State Treasurer	3000	00
6 Months Interest on Same	90	00
Amount of Liabilities	3090	00
Balance of Assets over Liabilities	16142	30

Report of D B Wingate

Liquor Agent for the Town of Grafton

Receipts -

Cash in Agents hands at last Report.	40	60
" Recieved on Sales of Liquors	254	80
	295	40

Disbursments

Cash paid for Liquors	103	55
" " " Casks	3	65
" " " Analyzing and Commission	3	75
" " " Freight	2	34
" " " Agents Salary	29	16
" On hand	152	91
	295	40

In Agents hands

Cash			152	91
12⅛ Galls Alcohol	@	75	9	09
18¼ " Holland Gin		1,10	20	07
1½ " Port Wine		275	4	13
Casks Measures and Faucetts recieved of Town at time of appointment			2	50
Faucetts purchased by Agent			1	50
Wine recieved of Town at time of appointment			1	33
			199	38
Loss on Wine Recieved of Town		133	2	43
Measures and Faucetts Rusted out		110	196	95

This amount remaining in my hands I have Transfered to my Successor Wm T Barker -

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted

D B Wingate

Report of Wm T Barker. Liquor Agent —

1859 Sept 14	Recivd of D B Wingate former Agent		
	Cash.	152	91
	Liquors	33	29
	Measures and Faucetts	2	25
	Casks-	8	50
		196	95

Cash Account. Cr

1859 Sept 14	By Cash Recivd of D B Wingate	152	91
1860 Feb 21	" " for Sales of Liquors	189	80
	" " for " Casks	6	60
		349	31

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To Cash paid for Liquors		189	51
" " " for Fright		4	59
	" Commission and Analyzing	6	58
	Casks.	7	75
	Measures		75
	Agents Salary	21	87
" " In Agents hands		118	26
		349	31

In Agents hands Feb 21st 1860.

Cash on hand	118	26
Casks on hand At cost	9	65
Liquors " " " "	79	62
Measures and Faucetts Recieved of former Agent and purchased From this Sale	3	00
	210	53
Amt Recivd of D B Wingate	196	95
Measures worn Out.	1	10
and Faucetts on hand	1	90
	199	95
Leaving a profit Over all Expenses	10	58

All of which is Respectfully Submitted — Wm T Barker Agent.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Horace Batchelor
I A Forbush
Cyrus D Aldrich
Samuel C Flagg

} Selectmen of Grafton

Took up the fourth article in the Warrant—
On motion voted to accept the Treasurers Report as printed and corrected which is as follows viz

"Town of Grafton in account with Rufus E Warren Treasurer of said Town—

1859		Cr	
March 1.	By Cash on hand	1610	55
April 16	" Cash recieved of State Treasurer (Military)	50	00
" 25	" Selectmens Note 4 mos for	1500	00
May 30	" Cash Received of Robert Cochrane for Peddlers License to 1860.	10	00
June 25	" received of Selectmen for Old Lumber	6	20
" 30	" Interest on E Singletarys Note	60	00
" 30	" On Selectmens Note 2 mos	1300	00
August 8	" from State School Fund	185	85
" 15	" " of J B Sibley Collector of Taxes	2000	00
" 22	" " " "	5207	00
Dec. 3	" " " State Tax	747	00
" 31	" " " 6	1265	00
1860 Jan'y 2	" " " County Tax	2268	68
" 9	" " "	429	20
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Feb. 20	" " of Geo F Slocomb Collector for 55-56-57	239	84
" 25	" " of J B Sibley Collector for 1859	170	08
" 29	" of John B White on act of David White	92	01
"	" " of J W White for Dog Licenses	182	00
March 1	" of Augustus Slocomb. Collector for 1858	81	53
"	" of J B Sibley Collector of Taxes for 1859	112	32
	Whole amt of Receipts	17.927	17

1859		Dr		
March 1	Paying Assessors Order No 1	To T J Baker		1 64
" 1	" " "	Julian Sawin		1 64
" 1	" Selectmens Order No 1	To J D Chollar.	168	15
7	" " "	2 " J B Sibley	21	50
8	" " "	3 " Wm R Wheelock	5	50
11	" " "	4 " D B Hubbard	40	00
			(m/f)	

1859 March	14	Paying Selectmens Order No 5	to Josiah Hall	7	00
"	15	" Interest on Note	to State Treasurer	90	00
"	16	Selectmens Order No 6	to F H Merriam	8	86
"	17	" " " 7	E P Dennis	8	12
"	17	" " " 8	H J Howland	24	63
"	21	" Assessors Order	to J S Kimpton		95
"	22	" Selectmens Order No 9	to Rodney Leland	125	25
"	23	" " " 10	Charles Brigham	5	47
"	24	" " " 11	S A Forbush	135	42
"	28	" " " 12	Wm H Hersey	2	00
"	31	" " " 13	Lebbeus Fay	35	00
April	2	" " " 14	Luke F Allen	400	00
"	2	" " " 15	Samuel Hall	22	25
"	4	" " " 16	Jefferson Bellows	8	74
"	4	" " " 17	John P Crosby	2	50
"	8	" " " 18	L H Bigelow	150	00
"	8	" " " 19	L H Bigelow	3	13
"	8	" " " 20	J J Woodbury	30	00
"	15	" " " 21	D B Hubbard	64	57
"	18	" " " 22	Wm A Fiske	7	00
"	19	" " " 23	Hollis Chamberlain	3	00
"	22	" " " 24	L W Dodge	27	00
"	26	" " " 25	Lewis Holbrook	86	14
"	26	Interest on Selectmens Note		30	75
"	30	Selectmens Order No 26	C D Alarich	70	72
May	3	" " " 27	H S Warren	650	00
	7	" " " 28	G W Hastings	1	38
	9	" " " 29	D B Hubbard	75	00
	9	" " " 30	F McIntire	18	00
	28	" " " 31	A Bradish	35	00
June	1	" " " 32	D B Hubbard	30	00
	22	" " " 33	C M Brigham	3	75
	25	" " " 34	George E Burnes	4	98
	25	" " " 35	H C Batchelor	49	79
	30	" " " 36	J H Whitney	55	00
	30	" " " 37	Charles Batchelder	65	00
	30	" " " 38	Charles Brigham	40	00
	30	" Interest on Selectmens Note		13	65

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1859 July	7	To paying Selectmens Order	No 39	to L H Bigelow	188	00
"	9	" " "	40	Samuel C Flagg	260	00
"	11	" " "	41	Hollis Chamberlain	60	00
"	15	" " "	42	Joseph Merriam Jr	53	00
"	16	" " "	43	Silas E Stow	66	00
"	19	" " "	44	Jefferson Bellows	130	00
"	19	" " "	45	D B Hubbard	50	00
"	20	" " "	46	Saml C Flagg	38	50
"	22	" " "	47	J H Wood	65	56
"	25	" " "	48	Geo M Dunn	67	50
"	25	" " "	49	F McIntire	64	00
"	25	" " "	50	F McIntire	2	30
"	25	" " "	51	F McIntire	1	50
"	27	" " "	52	D White Jr	71	57
August	4	" " "	53	D B Wingate	40	00
"	4	" " "	54	John McClellan	40	00
"	9	" " "	55	Horace P Brown	60	00
"	11	" " "	56	L Munyan	25	00
"	12	" Assessors Order	to	Stephen R White	8	25
"	12	" Selectmens "	No	57 Samuel Hall	25	00
"	13	" " "		58 Lewis Holbrook	20	00
"	13	" Assessors "	to	A W Rice	2	62
"	13	" " "		Calvin Clisbee	11	25.
"	20	" Selectmens Order	No	59 Lewis W Dodge	45	00
"	28	" " Note			1500	00
Sept	2	" " Order	No	60 Lewis Holbrook	25	00
"	2	" " Note			1300	00
"	5	" " Order	No	61 Lewis Holbrook	237	91
"	6	" " "		62 Samuel D Hall	3	00
"	8	" " "		63 John McDavenport	625	00
"	15	" Interest on Note at State Treasury			90	00
"	12	" Selectmens Order	No	64 Joseph Merriam Jr	50	00
"	15	" " "		65 Lewis H Bigelow	40	00
"	16	" " "		66 D B Hubbard	75	00
"	24	" " "		67 Luke F Allen	150	00
"	30	" " "		68 Jefferson Bellows	70	00
Oct	1	" " "		69 D B Hubbard	25	00
"	1	" " "		70 James W White	112	82

1859 Oct 3	Paying Selectmens Order	No 71	to Orlando Whitney	51	00
" 10	" "	" 72	Martin Fassett	13	00
" 14	" "	" 73	C D Aldrich	59	00
" 24	" "	" 74	W D Wheeler	25	00
" 24	" "	" 75	D B Hubbard	25	00
" 25	" "	" 76	S A Forbush	63	18
" 31	" "	" 77	Charles B Jencks	19	30
November 1	" "	" 78	J H Whitney	40	00
" 3	" "	" 79	Chas M Batchelder	45	00
" 7	" "	" 80	J P Stow	50	00
" 7	" "	" 81	Saml H Redding	24	02
" 8	" "	" 82	Lewis H Bigelow	193	00
" 11	" "	" 83	Samuel C Flagg	250	00
" 12	" "	" 84	D B Hubbard	50	00
" 16	" "	" 85	Rodney Leland	40	00
" 17	" "	" 86	John McClellan	12	00
" 17	" Assessors Order	87	Wm Duncan		38
" 21	" Selectmens Order	No 87	Rev T C Bisco	60	00
" 26	" " "	88	Barnabas Newton	6	50
" 26	" Assessors Order	to	Wm M Stow	1	43
" 30	" Selectmens Order	No 89	Horace P Brown	45	00
" 30	" " "	90	Samuel N Keith	5	00
December 3	" State Tax for	1859		747	00
" 5	" Selectmens Order	No 91	D B Hubbard	25	00
" 5	" " "	" 92	F McIntire	1	00
" 13	" " "	93	John B White	35	80
" 13	" " "	94	Daniel Whitney	20	00
" 15	" "	95	Cyrus D Aldrich	23	66
" 31	" Assessors Order	to	Silas Forbush	4	88
" 31	" " "		Cyrus W Stratton	1	72
" 31	" " "		Sarah Harrington		75
" 31	" " "		Martha H Dodge	1	50
" 21	" Selectmens Order	No 96	Seneca Congdon	1	71
" 21	" " "	97	C B Jencks	3	00
" 26	" " "	98	E D Brooks	2	72
" 31	" " "	99	D B Hubbard	40	00
1860. Jan 2	" County Tax for	1859.		2268	68

1866 Jany 4	Paying	Selectmens	Order	No 100	to H B Fairbanks	5	00
" 9	"	"	"	101	J W Leland	35	96
" 13	"	"	"	102	Sam'l G Congdon	2	50
" 14	"	"	"	103	D B Hubbard	25	00
" 27	"	"	"	104	Sam'l C Flagg	220.	32
" 31	"	"	"	105	J A Forbush	36	44
Feb 1	"	"	"	106.	Noah Fletcher	9	40
" 1	"	"	"	107	Walter Forehand	3	00
" 3	"	"	"	108	C M Batchelder	56	35
" 4	"	"	"	109	D B Hubbard	50	00
" 7	"	"	"	110	Samuel Hall	32	50
" 11	"	"	"	111	D B Hubbard	12	00
" 20	"	"	"	112	Calvin C Isbell	7	00
" 21	"	"	"	113	Jos Merriam Jr	109	29
" 21	"	"	"	114	Rev T C Biscoe	66	00
" 21	"	"	"	115	J H Whitney	75	41
" 21	"	"	"	116	Lewis H Bigelow	251	94
" 22	"	"	"	117	Hollis Chamberlain	114	46
" 23	"	"	"	118	Geo M Dunn	94	79
" 24	"	"	"	119	D B Hubbard	55	00
" 25	"	"	"	120.	Cyrus D Aldrich	25	60
" 27	"	"	"	121	Perley Goddard	109	00
" 28	"	"	"	122	L F Allen	175	00
" 29	"	"	"	123	A S Newton	6	62
" 29	"	"	"	124	H Batchelor	4	00
" 29	"	"	"	125	Jon[a] Warren	40	00
" 29	"	"	"	126	Jon[a] B Sibley	34	25
" "	"	Assessors Order	to	Peter Bonnes		1	50
" "	"	"	"	Richard Burns		1	50
				James Chaffell		1	50
				James Carney		1	50
				Maurice Myatt		1	50
				A H. Nelson		1	50
				Morrell Summitt		1	50
				George Wright		1	50
				Amariah Mackey		1	50
				Amelia Merriam		3	00

1860 March 1	Paying Selectmen's Order No 127 to James W White	98	10
" "	" " " 128 W D Wheeler	8	50
" "	Insurance on Engine House No 6	4	00
" "	Selectmen's Order No 129 to S G Congdon	1	50
" "	" " " 130. Ebenezer Lincoln	8	00
		14 389	12
	Whole amount of Receipts	17 927	17
	" " Paid Out	14 389	12
	Amount of Cash on Hand	3538	05
	Amount now subject to draft.		
	For High School	203	08
	For Common Schools		
	District No 3.	104	41
	" 6	205	73
	" 7	12	19
	" 10	203	36
Brigham	Hill Highway District Special Appropriation	20	00

All of which is Respectfully Submitted
Rufus E Warren Treasurer

Took up the fifth Article in the Warrant, and on Motion Voted to accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor as Printed and corrected which is as follows

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Grafton. respectfully present to the Inhabitants of said Town their Annual Report of the Condition of their Pauper Establishment, for the Year Ending March 1st 1860 as follows

	Expenses on Farm for Stock Boarding		
Clothing	Medical attendance &c.	196	10
	Interest on Real Estate	360	00
	Agents Salary	300	00
	Labor Exclusive of Agents Salary	344	20
	Services of Overseers	60	00
	Total Expenses	1860	30

Amount of Produce Sold	135	95
Balance of Inventory Less than Last Year	92	14
	1265	81
Leaving a Balance for Supporting Paupers on the Farm	594	49
Whole number Supported or Assisted on the Farm the past Year— 420		
Whole number of weeks 276		
Average cost per week	2	15½

Cost of Supporting Paupers off the Farm the past Year—

Rufus A Johnson	144	00
Ann Batchelor	4	00
Sally Phillips	51	21
G L Hubbard	24	24
Deborah Warren	36	00
W G Douglass	12	00
David Motts Wife	10	00
Charles A Sherman	52	00
Medical attendance and Funeral Charges of Mrs Michael Cleary—	32	43
Nursing and Medical Attendance on Jefferson Paines Family—	17	00
Conveying William Hortons Children to Monson —	4	00
Medical Attendance on Sally Phillips by Dr Rawson—	15	00
Conveying Jacob Lefave to Monson—	1	60
Nursing and Medical Attendance on Mary Hendrick	21	00
" " " on Jefferson Paines Family in 1858	6	50
Total	400	98
Due from State	5	00
Refunded from Town of Holden	72	59
	77	59
Balance for Supporting Paupers off the Farm the past Year	594	49
	323	39
Total Expense of Supporting Paupers past Year	917	88

In closing. Our Report we would say that all debts due for the Support of Paupers are paid together with the Agents Salary to April 1st and we feel that Our Paupers Establishment is in a flourishing condition—

We have been fortunate in having the services of Mr & Mrs Blake. who have proved faithful to their trust.
The Agent has at considerable extra Expense plowed and Sowed with Rye. and Seeded to grass Some Sixteen Acres of rough bushy Pasture. which will most likely afford. considerably increased income for Many Years.—

We hope that improvements already begun may be continued. We would Suggest. as a matter of economy that the Town repair and paint their Almshouse and Whitewash or Paint their Barn.—

During the past Year one of the inmates died leaving but four at the Farm. who are apparantly in a comfortable and. contented condition.—

We would gratefully acknowledge the kind Services of the Several Clergymen who have held Religious Meetings at the Almshouse during the past Year. which have been kindly recieved by the inmates. and it is desirable that they may be continued.—

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Grafton March 7th 1860

J H Allen
J B. Adams
L. F. Allen
} Overseers of The Poor

Took up the Sixth Article in the Warrant. and on Motion Voted to Accept the Report of the Collector of Taxes. as Printed.— which is as follows. viz.—

The amount of Taxes committed by the Assessors of the Town of Grafton to J. B. Sibley Collector for 1859 are as follows.—

June 4	Town Grants	10,000	00		
	State Tax	747	00		
	County Tax	2268	68		
	Overlayings	394	91		
	School District No 4. Tax	518	73	School Tax	
	Tax assessed as Bill was committed to Collector	23	88	541	61
	Total	13952	20		

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1859 July 1	To Cash paid Town Treasurer	500	00	School Tax	
Aug 1	" " "	18	73	518	73
" 15	" " " "	2000	00		
" 22	" " " "	5207	00		
Nov 11	" " " "	1134	34		
Dec 1	" " " "	747	00		
1860 Jan 2	" " " "	1134	34		
" 2	" " " "	1265	00		
" 9	" " " "	429	20		
" 21	" " " "	309	91		
" 28	" " " "	100	00		
Feb 25	" " " "	170	08		
" 29	" " " "	112	32	13127	92
		13127	92		
	Discount on Taxes	511	28		
	To Taxes Uncollected	313	00		
		13952	20		

All of which is respectfully Submitted

J. B. Sibley Collector

Grafton March 5th 1860

Took up the Seventh Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to Accept the Report of the Engineers as Printed. which is as follows— viz

Town of Grafton in account with Horace S Warren. Chief Engineer for Expenditures for the Fire Department for the Year ending March 5th 1860

Dr.

Engine Co. No 1 Rescue.

Paid for Services of 39 Men for Year Ending May 1st 1859 @ $5 00	195	00	
" Care of Engine and Apparatus 1 Year	10	00	
" Repairs	5	25	
" Hoise Hire	3	00	
Total	213	25	

Dr	Engine Co. No 2 Emperor	
Paid	for Services of 33 Men 1 Year ending May 1st 1860 @ $5 a	165 00
"	Care of Engine and Apparatus 1 Year	10 00
"	Oil	5 93
"	Wood	2 25
"	Fluid &c	1 04
"	Repairs	3 08
"	Horse hire	10 00
	Total	197 30
	Engine Co. No 3 Blackstone	
Paid	for Services of 39 Men 1 Year ending May 1st 1860 @ $5.00	195 00
"	Care of Engine and Apparatus	10 00
	Repairs.	22 32
	Total	227 32
"	Refreshments for Engine Companies	4 50
	Seneca Congdon for Ladder	2 00
	Total amount paid Out.	644 37

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By Cash on hand at last Report.	54 35
" Received on Selectmen's Order	650 00
Total Receipts	704 35
Leaving a Balance on hand	59 98

All of which is Respectfully Submitted —
H S Warren. Chief Engineer

Took up the Eighth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to accept the Report of the General School Committee as Printed. (See files) —

Took up the Ninth article in the Warrant. The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery Borough their Treasurer presented the following Report to the Town. which upon motion was by Vote accepted.

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Amount in Treasury March 4th 1859.	$94.46
Cash Recieved for lots Sold	53 11
Recieved for Wood Sold	10 43
	$158.00
Oct. 31. Paid for Labor on Paths Avenues &c	66 50
Feb 22 1860. Paid for Painting 300 feet on three Lots enclosed	17 43
	$83.93
Leaving a balance in Treasury	$74.07

All of which is Respectfully Submitted -
Lewis Holbrook. Treasurer

Voted to passover the Tenth Article for the present -

Took up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted. to Repair the Highways Town Ways and Bridges the present year in the same manner as last year

Took up the twelfth Article in the warrant. And on Motion Voted to Raise Ten Thousand Dollars - to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year

Voted to Appropriate Three Thousand Dollars for Support of Common Schools the Ensuing Year - to be divided. Same as last year
Voted to Appropriate Eleven Hundred Dollars for Support of High School the Ensuing Year. and Sixty Dollars to Supply deficiency in last Years Appropriation for High School --

Voted to Rais Fifteen Hundred Dollars Labor Tax to Repair Highways. Town Ways and Bridgy the Ensuing Year ----

Voted to appropriate Thrill Thousand Dollars. to Pay the Town Debt before the first of January 1861 -

Took up the thirteenth Article in the Warrant.—

A Motion was made that the same discount be allowed and the same Rules adopted for collecting Taxes. as were allowed and adopted "last Year."—

The Vote of "Last Year" being called for, was read by the Clerk. as follows— viz "Voted that all persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes within Sixty days from the time they are committed to the Collector. Shall Recieve a Discount of five percent on the same— That all Poll Taxes. and all Dog Taxes shall be payable on demand— That all Taxes. shall be Collected and paide in to the Treasurer. on or before the first day of January next.— That the Collector. Shall pay Over to the Treasurer all money by him collected Once in ten days. Commensing at the time the Taxes are committed to him for collection"—

Voted to adopt the Vote of "Last Year" as just read by the clerk. Omiting the words "and all Dog Taxes"

Voted to put up the collecting of Taxes for the present Year at Auction to the lowest bidder. They were accordingly put up at Auction and James W White offered to collect them for One half of One percent— no One offering to collect for less than that. sum. they Struck off to Jamis W White at one half of one percent—

Took up the second article in the Warrant, and by Ballot chose James W White Collector of Taxes for the Year ensuing— who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by I D Hall Moderator. in open Town Meeting

Took up the fourteenth article in the Warrant. And Voted to allow the Sextons the same compensation as last Year for burying the Dead. which was. two dollars and fifty cents for digging and filling the Grave. Ringing the Bell to give notice of a Death and Tolling the Bell at the

Funeral and attending the Funeral with his Horse and the Towns Hearse. Said two dollars and fifty cents to be in full for all Services as Sexton as above required --

Took up the fifteenth article in the Warrant, and voted to authorise the Selectmen to cause one of the Church Bells in the center of the Town to be Rung at 12 Oclock A M and at nine Oclock P M --

Took up the Sixteenth article in the Warrant and on Motion voted to allow Engine Men for their Services the ensuing Year the Same as was allowed Engine men the past Year with the Same limitations and provisions. which were as follows

The Number of Men for Each Engine Company Limited to forty five Men - That they Recive five Dollars a Year. and that each Member receive pay in proportion to the time he Shall run with the Company. that is for three Months 1/4 - for Six Months. 1/2 of the Years pay -

Took up the Seventeenth article in the Warrant. The List of Names. prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box was presented and Amended by Substituting the Names of Rufus L Witherby for the name of Austin Holbrook Edward P Dennis. for John W Slocomb. Martin Fassett for Leander Stockwell. and F M Marble for Hollis Chamberlain. and as amended was adopted as follows viz.

The following is a List of Names prepared by the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton to be placed in the Jury Box of Said Town for the Year ensuing

Seth J Axtell	Martin Fassett	George F Slocomb
Jonas H Allen	Edward P Dennis	Cyrus W Stratton
Joseph B Adams	Charles Goddard	Calvin S Thurston
Horace Batchelor	Lewis Holbrook	Silas Vinton
Horace P Brown	Nathan Hancock	Moses C Woodbury
A M Bigelow	Levi C Heywood	Francis Winn
Hillel Baker	J G Hall	Henry Wesson
William S Bruce	Royal A Keith	John Whitney
L H Bigelow	Levi N Leland	Stephen R White
J Dadmun	Joseph W Leland	Willis Works
John C Davis	Stephen N Leged	D B Wingate
George M Dunn	Noah K Merriam	Lowell White
John M Davenport	John McClellan	John Waterman
Lorin Davis	Lawson Munyan	J H Wood
Sumner Dunsmore	F M Marble.	Frederick Waterman
Samuel B Dolliver	Jasper S Nelson	Orlando Whitney
Lewis W Dodge	John Putnam	W D Wheeler
Samuel C Flagg	James G Putnam.	J B White
Hiram Fernald	Samuel W Putnam	H S Warren
Winthrop Faulkner	L S Pratt	Jonathan Warren
Nelson Ferry	Silas E Stow	Liberty Wood
Erastus Fisher	J. W. Stow	Henry F Wing
S. A Forbush	Augustus. Slocomb,	Rufus L Wetherby —

Took up the Eighteenth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted that the High School be kept within the Limits of School District No 1 for the Year Ensuing —

Took up the Nineteenth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to Authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Sextons for Burying the Dead the Ensuing Year. —

Took up the Twentieth Article in the Warrant and Voted to Refer the matter of discontinuing the Road therein mentioned to the Selectmen to examine and Report at an Adjourned Meeting — —

Took Up the twenty first Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted. That the Collectors of Taxes Shall hereafter return their Tax Bills to the Selectmen within twelve Months from the day fixed by the Town when all Taxes shall be Collected and paid in to the Treasurer.

Took Up the twenty Second article in the Warrant. and On Motion Voted. That Copies of Warrants for Town Meetings &c. Shall hereafter be Posted at the Post Office in Farnums ville instead of the Meeting House as formerly. and that all Votes heretofore passed conflicting herewith, are hereby Reconsidered --

Took up the Twenty third Article in the Warrant. The Selectmen presented their Report on Guide Boards which was by Vote accepted as follows

The Undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Grafton ask Leave to present their Report of all places at which Guide Boards are Erected and Maintained within said Town as follows

At the Corner of the Roads near Warren Block
" " " " House of J D Wheeler
" " " " " S H Allen
" " " " " William Wallace
" " " " near the Barn of S H Allen
" " " " northerly of the Slaughter House of F Waterman &c
" " " " near the Indian Burying Ground
" " " " " School House in Farnumsville
" " " " " Store of Wright & Morse
" " " " " House of Jefferson Bellows
" " " " " Farnumsville Depot
" " " " " House of Nelson Ferry
" " " " " " Austin Holbrook
" " " " " " Haverlin T Eddy
" " " " " Saunders Brick Store
" " " " " The House of John McClellan
" " " " " " known as "Bush" Tavern

At the Corner of the Roads near the House of Charles Daniels
" Each of the corners Northerly of the Old Burying Ground
" the corner near the Quinsigamond House N E Village -
" " " " , House of Henry B Fairbanks
" " " " " Widow Charles T Fay
" " " " " on the Town Farm
" " " " , Meeting House in N E Village
" " " " " House of Jasper W Putnam -
" " " Northerly of the House of James Houghton
" " " " near Waterville School House -
" " " " " the House of Joseph Kimball
" Two places between the two last named places
" the corner near the House of Widow H J Pratts -
" " " " " " Calvin Clisbee
" " " " " Barn of B F Fay
" " " " " House of Le F Leland
" " " West of the House of Geo M Dinn
" " " near the House of Wm A Fiske
" " " " " " " Jona Sibley
" " " " " " " Joseph Bruce

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted

Horace Batchelor
S A Forbush
S C Flagg
C B Brooks -
} Selectmen of Grafton

The Committee Chosen by the Town of Grafton to Oppose the Petition of Leander F Smith and Others for damages by reason of the Location of a new Town Way. Submitted their Report which was by Vote accepted. and is as follows - Viz

They appeared before the County Commissioners and Opposed the granting of a Jury. the result of which was. an arrangement to Refer the case

A hearing was had before the Referees - and the result was that the Petitioners take no damages and that Each party pay their Own Costs - and

over

one half of the costs and Services of the Referees.

The following Services and Expenses of the Committee incured in relation to the case have been paid by the Town viz

One half of Referees Services and Expenses	$47.56
J B Sibleys Bill for Summoning Witnesses	21 44
Cost of Witnesses	28.91
Dewey & Williams Bill for Services	50.00
Wm F Slocums Bill for Services and Expenses	40.00
Committees Bill for Services	50.00
	$237 91

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Lewis Holbrook
A M Bigelow } Committee

Voted that the Selectmen be auditing Committee for the Year Ensuing.

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next. At One Oclock P M at the Town Hall.

A True Record

James N White Town Clerk

Know all Men by these presents that We Henry B Fairbanks as Principal and Chandler M Pratt and Nathaniel G Whitney as Sureties all of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, are holden and Stand firmly Bound and Obliged unto the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. in the Full and just Sum of Five hundred Dollars. to be paid unto the said Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton their Successors or Assigns -

To which payment well and truly to be Made we bind Ourselves Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents - -

Sealed with Our Seals - Dated the fifth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty -

The condition of this Obligation is such that Whereas the said Henry B Fairbanks hath been duly chosen as One of the Constables of the said Town of Grafton for the Year Ensuing and hath accepted said Office - Now if the said Henry B Fairbanks as such Constable shall during the time for which he is Elected to said Office, faithfully perform his duties as Constable in the Service of all civil processes which may be committed to him, then this Obligation shall be void. Otherwise shall remain in Full force -

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
W D Bailey

Henry B Fairbanks L S
C M Pratt L S
N G Whitney L S

Approved March 5th 1860
Horace Batchelor
E B Brooks
Jon^d D Wheeler
H I Warren
Geo W Estabrook
Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy Received at 2h P M March 5th 1860
James W White Town Clerk

Know all Men by these presents that We Salmon D Hall of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Principal, and Samuel Harrington, and Charles A Pierce both of Said Grafton as Sureties are holden and Stand firmly bound and Obliged unto the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, in the full and just Sum of Five hundred dollars to be paid unto the Said Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton its Successors or Assigns. To which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents—

Sealed with Our Seals. Dated the Sixth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Sixty

The Condition of this Obligation is Such That Whereas Said Salmon D Hall hath been duly Elected and Sworn, as one of the Constables of Said Town of Grafton for the Year Ensuing the first Monday of March Current. Now if the Said Salmon D Hall Shall faithfully perform all of his duties as Such Constable, in the Service of all civil processes which may be committed to him then this Obligation Shall be void Otherwise to remain in full force—

Executed in presence of Geo E Nichols

S D Hall L.S.
Sam'l Harrington L.S.
Chas A Pierce L.S.

March A.D. 1860 The within Bond is Approved by Us

Jon'a D Wheeler
Geo W Babcock
H L Warren
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy Received at 8h A.M. March 7th A.D. 1860
Attest
James W White Town Clerk

Know All Men by these presents that We James W White of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Principal and Edward B Bigelow and Abraham M Bigelow of Said Grafton as Sureties are holden and firmly bound to Said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorney in the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars for the payment of Which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves and Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents—

Sealed with Our Seals and Dated this ninth day of March in the Year Eighteen hundred and Sixty—.

The condition of this Obligation is Such, That Whereas the Said James W White has been chosen Collector of Taxes for Said Town of Grafton for the Current Year and has accepted that Office and been duly Sworn to the discharge of the duties of the Same. Now if the Said James W White Shall as Collector as aforesaid faithfully Collect account for and pay Over all the Taxes which he Shall be Legally required to Collect and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the other Legal duties of the aforesaid Office, then this Obligation Shall be Void. Otherwise it Shall remain in full force and Virtue—

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of S D Hall

James W White Ls
Edward B Bigelow Ls
Abraham M Bigelow Ls

March 10th 1860 Accepted by the Selectmen
H Batchelor
C B Brooks
Jon^a D Wheeler
H S Warren
Geo W E Babcock

A True Copy Received March 10th A D 1860
James W White Town Clerk

March 10th 1860. Selectmen Appointed Samuel Hall C B Jencks and Josiah Hall Sextons for Burying the Dead for the Year Ensuing. James W White Town Clerk

Know All Men by these presents. That We Joshua Congdon of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal and Leander S Pratt and Cyrus W Stratton. both of Said Grafton as Sureties. are holden and Stand firmly bound and Obliged unto the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the full and just Sum of Five Hundred Dollars to be paid unto the Said Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. their Successors or Assigns! To which payment, well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves. Our Heirs. Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents.

Sealed with Our Seals. Dated the Nineteenth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty -

The Condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas. Said Joshua Congdon has been duly Elected and Sworn as One of the Constables of Said Town of Grafton for the Year Ensuing the first Monday of March Current. Now if the Said Joshua Congdon. Shall faithfully perform all of his duties as Such Constable. in the Service of all civil processes which may be committed to him then this Obligation Shall be Void. Otherwis to remain in full force -

Executed in presence of
Chas L Pratt
George H. Stratton

Joshua Congdon LS
Leander S Pratt LS
Cyrus W Stratton

Approved March 21st 1860.

Horace Batchelor
E B Brooks
Jona D Wheeler
Geo W Estabrook
Selectmen

A True Copy Received at 1/4 5 min P M March 21st 1860
Attest
James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 2d A.D. 1860

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Town affairs met at the Town Hall in said Grafton according to adjournment from the fifth day of March last past and transacted the following business Viz:

1st The Records of the doings of the last meetings were read (except that part embraced in the Printed Reports of the several Town Officers and the Selectmens Report on Guide Boards, which were by Vote of the Town, Omitted) and approved --

Took up the second article in the Warrant and by Ballot chose Wm F Slocum for General School Committee in the place of Rev J M Chick who was chosen to that office on the fifth day of March last past and has since declined serving - accpt'd Apl 7th/60

Voted not to choose any Constable in the place of James H Wright Jr. who has not accepted the Office to which he was chosen on the fifth day of March last past -

By Nomination chose D B Hubbard Field Driver in place of S A Pierce who has declined serving = D B Hubbard Sworn April 9th 1860 by J W White Town Clerk

By Nomination Chose Geo F Jourdan Highway Surveyor and Collector of Highway Taxes in place of Henry G Prentice who has declined serving in that Office - Geo F Jourdain Sworn April 7th 1860 by J W White Town Clerk

By Nomination Chose John E Sinclair Highway Surveyor and Collector of Highway Taxes in place of L. H. Bigelow who has declined serving in that Office - - J E Sinclair Sworn April 14th 1860 by J W White T. Clerk

Took up the Tenth article in the Warrant. The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery not being ready to Report. The Selectmen were by Vote directed to enquire of the Trustees for their Report. -

Took up the twentieth article in the Warrant. The Selectmen. To whom had been refered the consideration of discontinuing the Road mentioned in this Article. Reported Verbally in favor of discontinuing the same - whereupon it was Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen and to discontinued the Road as Petitioned for and mentioned in this article --

On Motion of J McClellan Took up the twelfth article in the Warrant - J McClellan then moved to reconsider the Vote passed on the fifth day of March last past whereby the Town Voted to raise Ten Thousand Dollars Money Tax to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year - The Vote on the motion being taken Viva Voce, was declared by the Moderator carried in the affirmative - The Vote was doubted and the House divided the Voters present having been counted by the Selectmen were declared to be as follows Viz

Those in the affirmative were Thirty Seven 37.
Those in the Negative were Thirty five 35
The Vote was then declared - Reconsidered =

On Motion of J McClellan. Voted to raise Eight Thousand five hundred Dollars. Money Tax. -

On Motion of J McClellan. Voted to Reconsider the Vote passed on the fifth day of March last past. appropriating Three Thousand Dollars. to pay the Town Debt. -

On Motion of J McClellan Voted to appropriate

(up)

One Thousand five hundred dollars to pay One half of the Town Debt." —

Then voted to Dissolve this Meeting —

A True Record

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the second day of April next, at three Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles to wit

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting —

" 2d To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the purchase of Hooks and Ladders to be Located in the Center of the Town for the benefit of the fire department, or act thereon as Petitioned for by E B Bigelow and Others —

" 3d To see if the Town will procure by purchase or otherwise a suitable piece of Land on which to put their Engine House now standing upon Land belonging to School District No 1 in said Town of Grafton and cause said Engine House to be removed and placed upon the same, or act thereon as requested by James G Putnam Chairman of a Committee of said School District —

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the center of Said Town. and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village. Farnums Ville Post Office and Saunders Village Meeting House. to Stand Ovr two Sundays at least before the time of Holding Said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under Our hands this twenty first day of March in the Year of Our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Sixty --

Horace Batchelor
E B Brooks
Jon^{a} D Wheeler
Geo W Estabrook
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcesterss March 24. A D 1860

I have this day Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up Copies there of at each of the places as therein directed --

S D Hall. Constable-

A True Copy

James F White Town Clerk-

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualefied to vote in Town affairs. held in the Town Hall in Said Grafton. on Monday the Second day of April A D 1860. at three Oclock in the afternoon on said day. the following proceedings were had upon the foregoing Warrant, viz -

Art 1st By Ballot chose S D Hall Moderator of Said Meeting --

Took up the Second article in the Warrant,
A Motion was mad. to appropriate Five Hundred dollars for the purchase of Hooks and Ladders as contemplated in this article - . The Vote being taken upon said motion, was declared in the Negative by the Moderator. The Vote was doubted and a division of the House called for and Ordered and after being properly divided the Voters present were counted by the Select Men. and found to Stand. for the aforesaid appropriation of five Hundred Dollars — Thirty . 30
Those Opposed to said appropriation — Thirty 30
being an Equal number on Each Side —

After Some discussion and Explanations another division of the House on the aforesaid Motion was agreed to and Ordered — The Voters present having been counted by the Selectmen Stood for making the appropriation of five Hundred Dollars for the purchase of Hooks and Ladders as aforesaid . Sixty 60
Those Opposed to making said appropriation Twenty nine 29
carried in the affirmative —

On Motion Voted that the Five Hundred Dollars just appropriated for the purchase of Hooks and Ladders for the benefit of the Fire Department, be in the Hands of the Selectmen. to be by them Expended for said Hooks and Ladders and other necessary appendages therefor

Took up the Third Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to authorise the Selectmen to Procure by Purchase or Otherwise. a Suitable piece of Land on which to put their Engine House now Standing upon Land belonging to School District No 1 in said Town — and also to remove said Engine House if need be and place it upon the Same — Then Dissolved the Meeting

A True Record

James W White Town Clerk

Treasurer's Bond

Know all Men by these presents that We Rufus E Warren of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Principal and Luke F Allen and Joseph B Adams both of Said Grafton as Sureties are holden and firmly Bound to Said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorney in the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves and Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents—

The Condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas the Said Rufus E Warren has been Chosen Treasurer of the Town of Grafton for the Year ensuing, and has Accepted of that Office, and been duly Sworn to the discharge of the duties of the Same—

Now if the Said Rufus E Warren shall as Treasurer aforesaid faithfully and with fidelity discharge all the Legal duties of the aforesaid Office. Then this Obligation Shall be Void. Otherwise Shall remain in full force and Virtue.

Sealed with our Seals and dated this Ninth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty — —

Signed and Sealed in presence of James W White

Rufus E Warren L.S
Luke F Allen L.S
Joseph B Adams L.S

A True Copy Recieved, at 6h. 10m P M April 2d A.D 1860
James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 16th 1860.

The following is a List of those persons who were this day appointed to Office by the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton — in accordance with a Vote of the Town of Grafton passed on the fifth day of March last past. — viz

For Measurers of Wood and Bark —

Willard D Wheeler. Sworn April 16th 1860. by Town Clerk
C. C Wood Sworn April 20th 1860 by J W White Town Clerk
Jos K Axtell Sworn April 21st 1860 by J W White Town Clerk
G C. Taft.
Chas Fowler
J H Wright Sworn April 19th 1860 by J W White Town Clerk
H D Fisher Sworn April 23 1860 by J W White Town Clerk
L A Knowles Sworn April 23 1860 by J W White Town Clerk
L H Bigelow
Wm T Barker
N C Whitney
Jasper L Nelson
E J Leland Sworn May 1st 1860 by J W White Town Clerk —
John C Davis declined

Surveyors of Lumber

J M Davenport
Noah Fletcher
Moses Quimby
C B Jones Sworn April 23 1860 by C M Pratt Justice of the Peace

Sealers of Leather

Lewis W Dodge
Geo W Estabrook Sworn April 16th 1860 by J W White Town Clerk —

Fence Viewers.

Elijah Stow declined
Jonas H Allen
Jefferson Bellows
J B Adams
John B White

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Nathan Hancock Sworn April 23 1860
by James W White Town Clerk

Weighers of Coal.

C D Aldrich. Sworn April 25th 1860 by J W White Town Clerk
G C Taft
Saml Harrington Sworn April 25th 1860 by J W White Town Clerk
S A Knowles Sworn April 25 1860 by J W White Town Clerk
J H Wright Sworn. April 19th 1860 by J W White Town Clerk

Pound Keeper

Levi J Ford.

Engineers

Rufus E Warren
Luke F Allen
Jasper S Nelson declined
S A Knowles
Alfred Morse
E J Leland
Geo. F Slocomb
S A Forbush declined
Wm T Barker.
Gilbert C Taft
Geo W Crombie Jr
A D Shattuck

Grafton May 7th 1860

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held in their Office this day A W Rice was appointed Engineer in place of J S Nelson- declined Silas Winton was appointed Engineer in place of S A Forbush Declined -

Samuel Harrington was appointed an Agent of the Town of Grafton to purchase Spirituous or intoxicating Liquors and Sell the Same within said Town for Medicinal Chemical and Mechanical purposes-and no Other -

According to Notice the Selectmen and remaining members of the General School Committee met in the Town Hall. and by Ballot Elected Rev J M- Rockwood a member of the Board of General School Committee to fill the Vacancy Occasioned by the Death of the Late Rev Oregon Crane -

Know all Men by these presents that I Willard D Wheeler of Grafton in the County of Worcester as principal. and Winthrop Faulkner and Horace S Warren of said Grafton as Sureties. are holden and stand firmly bound and Obliged unto the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid in the full and just Sum of five hundred Dollars to be paid unto the said Inhabitants of Grafton their Successors or assigns. to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves our Heirs Executors and administrators firmly by these presents —

Witness Our Hands and Seals this Sixth day of March in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty —

The Condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas. at the Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton held on the fifth day of March in the year Eighteen hundred and Sixty the said Willard D Wheeler was duly Elected a Constable of said Grafton for the year then Ensuing now if the said Willard D Wheeler shall faithfully perform his duties as Constable in the Service of Civil processes which may be committed to him as such Constable. then this Obligation shall be void. Otherwise shall remain in full force and virtue

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of George M Wheeler

W D Wheeler L S
Winthrop Faulkner L S
Horace S Warren L S

Approved April 3. 1860
Horace Batchelor
Jon^{a} D Wheeler
Geo M Estabrook
Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy Received April 28th 1860 at 7 h. 45^{m} P M
James M White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to Notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Seventh day of May next at three Oclock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen Yes or No. for Or against the following Articles of Amendment to the Constitution. which having been agreed to and published in the manner required by the Constitution are submitted to the People for their ratification and adoption-

First Art of Amendment

"Any Vacancy in the Senate Shall be filled by Election by the People of the Unrepresented District Upon the Order of a Majority of Senators Elected"

Second Art of Amendment

In case of a Vacancy. in the Council from a Failure of Election or Other cause. the Senate and House of Representatives Shall by concurrent vote choose Some Eligible Person from the People of the District wherein such Vacancy Occurs to fill that Office. If such Vacancy Shall happen when the Legislature is not in Session. The Governor with the advice and consent of the Council may fill the Same by Appointment of Some Eligible Person-

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant, by Posting Up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the center of said Town and at the Meeting Houses in New-England Village Farnums Ville Post Office. and Saundirs Village Meeting House to Stand Over two Sundays at least before the time of holding Said Meeting-

(over)

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given Under Our Hands this Twenty fifth day of April in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty—

Horace Batchelor
E B Brooks
Jon^{a} D Wheeler
H S Warren
Geo W Estabrook
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss.

April 28th 1860. I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy of the same at Each of the Public places as therein directed—

S D Hall Constable—

A True Copy:

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton May 7th 1860.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs held in the Town Hall pursuant to the foregoing Warrant for the purpose of giving in their votes for or against two articles of amendment of the constitution of this Commonwealth having voted thereon in the manner prescribed. The Ballots given in were sorted counted Recorded and declaration thereof made as by Law provided were as follows—

First Art. of Amendment Yes ten votes. No. none

Second Art of Amendment Yes ten votes No. none

By vote the Polls were closed at five Oclock P M

A True Record.

James W White Town Clerk—

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at a Meeting held for that purpose on the Seventh day of May A D 1860. being the First Monday in Said Month. did Appoint Samuel Harrington of Said Grafton an Agent for Said Town to purchase Intoxicating Liquors and to Sell the Same within for and On Account of Said Town of Grafton. to be used in the Arts or for Medicinal Chemical and Mechanical purposes. and no Other for One Year from Said date Unless Sooner removed from Said Agency

Now if the Said Samuel. Harrington Shall in all respects. conform to the Provisions of Law relating to the business for which he is appointed and to Such Rules and Regulations as now are or Shall from time to time be established by the board of Selectmen. making the Appointment. then this Appointment to remain in full force. Otherwise to be Void.

The place for the Sale of Liquors aforesaid to be in the "Green Store" So called. now Occupied by Said Harrington in the center of Said Grafton.

Grafton May 7th A D 1860

Jona D Wheeler
Geo W Estabrook
H S Warren
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Know all Men that We Samuel Harrington as principal and A M Bigelow and C A Pierce as sureties are holden and Stand firmly bound to the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the Sum of Six hundred dollars to be paid unto them their Successors or Assigns. to which payment we bind Ourselves Our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and Severally firmly by these presents.

Sealed with Our Seals and dated this Seventh day of May A D 1860.

The condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas the Above Bounden Samuel Harrington has been duly appointed an Agent for the Town of Grafton to purchase intoxicating liquors and to Sell the Same within for and On Account of Said Town to be used in the Arts or for Medicinal Chemical and Mechanical purposes and no Other. until the first Monday in May A D 1860 Unless Sooner removed from Said Agency. Now if the Said Samuel Harrington Shall in all respects conform to the provisions of Law relating to the business for which he is appointed and to Such rules and regulations as now are or Shall from time to time be Established by the board making the appointment, then this Obligation to be Void, Otherwise to remain in full force

Executed in presence of the word chemical first interlined
Adin B Davis

Sam Harrington L S
A M Bigelow L S
C A Pierce L S

Approved by the Selectmen May 7th 1860
Jon^a D Wheeler
Geo W E Babcock
H S Warren

A True Copy Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting.

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fourth day of June next. at 3 Oclock P. M. to act on the following Articles to Wit

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting—

Art 2. To See what measures the Town will adopt to prevent the Spread of the diseased among Cattle. by appointing Vigalent Committees. appropriating Money &c as Petitioned for by Lewis Holbrook and Others —

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the Publick Meeting Houses in the center of said Town. and at the Meeting Houses in New England. Village Farnums Ville Post Office and Saunders Village Meeting House. to Stand Over two. Sundays at Least. before the time of holding said Meeting—

Hereof fail not. and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid —

Given under Our hands This Twenty fifth day of May in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty

Horace Batchelor
Jona D Wheeler
Horace Warren
Geo W Estabrook
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss June 4th 1860.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the Public places as therein directed

S D Hall Constable —

A True Copy of Warrant and Return

James W White Town Clerk

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs. held in the Town Hall in Said Grafton. on Monday the fourth day of June A D 1860. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the following proceedings were had viz

1st By Ballot. Chose W D Wheeler. Moderator—

2d On Motion Voted to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a Vigalent Committee. to prevent as far as practicable all. Trafic in. Or introduction of Cattle from Other Towns into this Town. And by all Posible means to guard the Cattle of this Town against Exposure to the disease now prevailing among cattle. in Several Towns in This County—

3. Voted to instruct the Selectmen to Employ at the Expense of the Town. Suitable Persons to Examine Cattle. Suspected. of having the aforesaid disease. and to cause all Cattle having said disease to be removed to a place of Safety. and also to take the General Oversight of this busines—

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Saturday the Sixteenth day of June Current, at four Oclock P M

A True Record.

James W White Town Clerk

We the Subscribers N K Meriam & Joseph H Whitney both of Grafton have this day divided the fence between the land owned and Occupied by us. Respectfully & Which adjoining & agree that Said Meriam his Heirs & Assigns Shall Build & maintain forever the South Part of the fence twenty four Rods. & the Said Whitney his Heirs and Assigns the remainder on the north part. In Witness where of we have hereunto Set our hands this third day of Sept. 1852.

N K Meriam

J H Whitney

A True Copy Received July 7th A D 1860 at 7h 50m P M

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton June 4th A D 1860

In accordance with a vote of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in Town affairs passed in a Legal Town Meeting this day - The Selectmen of said Grafton appointed the following Persons. a Vigilent Committee. to carry Out the Object for which they were appointed as expressed in the vote authorizing their appointment Viz-

John McClellan. Peter Hunt. Horace Batchelor. Alfred Morse Jefferson Billows Henry K Keith L N Leland Geo M Dunn Jon^a P Stow Bradford Chase Jos Adams 2^d Benj W Fay Hollis Chamberlain A T Rice Joseph Kimball- E B Brooks E K Pratt N K Merriam Leander Stockwell^a S A Knowles Charles Brigham Elijah Stow Aurelius Crosby. S P Champney H. P Brown. J M Davenport Joseph Bruce E P Dennis. H F Wing H. S. Warren. Jon^a D Wheeler F Bemis Geo. W. E Babcock John Whitney R B Fairbanks. David Jourdan

Attest James F White Town Clerk

Grafton June 16th A D 1860-

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Town affairs. met in the Town Hall in said Grafton. according to adjournment from the fourth instant, and transacted the following business viz-

Records of the last meeting read and approved -

The Acts "concerning Contagious diseases among Cattle" passed by a Special Session of the Legislature of the Commonwealth and approved by the Governor June 12th 1860 were also Read - as published in the newspapers- No Official Document of the kind having been Recieved -

The following Resolutions Offered by H R Keith Esq
were by Vote adopted by the Town - viz

"Resolved" That the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton be
requested to make Such By Laws and regulations
as is authorised by Sect 5th of the Law Chapter 219
entitled an Act Concerning Contagious diseases
among Cattle. Prohibiting the passage to or
through the Town of Grafton of any neats Cattle
without their concent -

"Resolved" That they are hereby Authorised and requested
to make Such Police and Quarenting regulations
and to empower Sufficient number of Suitable
persons to arrest and detain all Such Cattle
passing to Or through the Town contrary to Such
rules and regulations hereafter made and publish'd

"Resolved" That the Selectmen cause the Whole Law of
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - concerning
"Contagious Diseases among Cattle". Together
with Such By Laws and Regulations as they
may hereafter make, with the Names of the
Persons Authorised to Arrest and detain Cattle
under the By-Laws to be Printed on Conspicuous
Hand Bills - to cause the Same to be posted
up in Every Store, Mill - and Shop Meetinghouse
Hotel and Public Stable in Town -

Voted to dissolve this Meeting -
A True Record -
James W White Town Clerk -

Regulations Concerning Cattle —

(Extract 2d 5)

1st No Person Shall in any way or manner introduce or convey any Cattle into — from — or through the Town of Grafton without first Obtaining the written consent of three of the Selectmen of said Town. and complying with whatever restrictions and condition therein contained —

2. Whoever has Obtained the written consent provided for in the above Regulation Shall when requested Exhibit the Same to any Legal Voter of the Town of Grafton — And if when So requested any Person Shall fail to Exhibit Said consent, Ea Said Legal Voter may Arrest and detain Said Cattle in in Some Safe and Suitable place at the cost of the Owner or Owners thereof and report the Same to the Selectmen forthwith —

In accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of "an Act concerning Contagious disease among Cattle. the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton have this day established the foregoing regulations, and directed that Six hundred Copies of the Same together with the 5th. 8th & 9th Sections of the aforesaid Act be Printed in Hand Bill form and distributed through out the Town — — —

Grafton June 22 1860

Horace Batchelor
C B Brooks
Jona D Wheeler
H S Warren
Geo W Estabrook

} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Record.

James W White Town Clerk

The foregoing "Regulations" concerning Cattle were Revoked by the Selectmen of Grafton. November 3 1860

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of Constables of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester— Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required. to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the third day of September. next. at. One Oclock in the afternoon. to act On the following Articles. to Wit—

Art. 1st. To Choose. a Moderator to preside. in Said Meeting—

2d To See. what action. if any the Town will take in regard to the "Regulations concerning Cattle" Established by the Selectmen on the twenty Second day. of June A.D. 1860

3d. To See if the Town will cause to be Prosecuted all known. violations of the "Regulations". mentioned in the Second articl of this Warrant — — —

4th To See if the Town will authorise. the removal. of the Blackston Engine. House from. its present Location to Some place near the Farnumsville School House. as Petitioned for. by C. C. Willis and. Others —

And You are directed to. Serve this Warrant. by posting up Attested Copy. thereof. at Each of the Public Meeting Houses. in the center of Said Town. and at the Meeting Houses. in New England. Village. Farnumsville Post Office. and Saunders Village. Meeting House to Stand. Over two Sundays at Least. before the time of holding Said Meeting — —

Hear of. fail not. and make due Return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid —

Given under Our Hands. this twenty fourth day of August in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty —

(Over)

Horace Batchelder.
Jon^{a} D Wheeler
H S Warren
Geo. W Estabrook
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester. ss.

August. 25th 1860 I have this day Served the foregoing Warrant. by Posting up an attested. copey of the Same. at each of the publick places. as therein directed —

S D Hall — Constable —

Grafton. September 3^{d} 1860

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town Affairs. met in the Town Hall in said Grafton. pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. and transacted the follwing business — viz —

1st. By Ballot chose S D Hall Moderator —

2. A Motion was. made by Joseph. Bruce. Esq. to pass Over the Second article in the Warrant. — after Some discupion. the Motion was withdrawn by the moover. —

S H. Allen Esq. then mooved. "that it is the Sense of this Meeting that the Selectmen be requested to permit all persons having Cattle. in the Country to drive their cattle home provided they have not been Exposed to the Disease" Charles Goddard moved to amend the motion of Esq Allen by adding "and that all Persons be permitted to drive Cattle into Town who will Sign the certificate now rquired to be Signed by the Selectmen which has just been read" which amendment was accepted by the moover S H Allen. Esq. Hon. E B Bigelow then mooved as an additional amendment "to Pass Over the article" —

The Vote being taken on the last amendment was carried in the affirmative. So the article was passed over

1st

Took up the third article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to Authorise the Selectmen to Prosecute all known violations of the "Regulations" refered to in this Article—

Took up the fourth article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted that the Selectmen cause the Blackstone Engine House to be removed as petitioned for in this article—

We the Selectmen of Upton and Grafton have this 1st day of November 1860. met and Perambulated the Lines and renewed the Bounds between our said Towns and make return as follows—

Beginning at a Stone Monument at the Corner of Grafton Upton and Northbridge. thence West. 14 ½ degrees 170. Rods to a Stone Monument at the corner of Royal Keiths Pasture. thence 2 ½ East. 96 Rods to a Stone Monument at the Corner of Reuben Wood & Thomas M Bakers Meadow (now under water) thence North 34 ¼ West 201. Rods to a Stone Monument at the Corner of the Widow Haydens Land so called. thence North 88 ¼ East. 197 Rods to a Stone Monument at the Corner of Land formerly Owned by Ward Bakers. thence North 1 East. 156 Rods to a Stone Monument at the Corner of Grafton Westborough & Upton—

E Haven
R H. Harbach
} Selectmen of Upton

H Batchelor
H S Warren
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy Recived November 5th A D 1860
Attest

James W White Town Clerk of Grafton

We the Undersigned being duly appointed to perambulate and run the lines between the City of Worcester and the Town of Grafton. met this day for the purpose aforesaid at a Stone Monument at the Easterly Corner of Worcester and proceeded from thence to a Stone Monument at the Northerly corner of Grafton which with all the intervening Monuments we found in good condition

Worcester November 2d 1860

One Bound under Water

Benj. Flagg
Geo A Chamberlain } In behalf of the City of Worcester

Geo F Estabrook
H S Warren } In behalf of the Town of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest

James M White

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester- Greeting-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are directed to Notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton. on Tuesday the Sixth day of November next. at Nine Oclock in the forenoon. it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in Said month. To bring in their Votes. to the Selectmen for a Governor. Lieutenant Governor Secretary. Tregsurer and Reciever General. Auditor. and Attorney General of the Commonwealth. and for a Senator for the East Worcester District, and for a Councellor for District, Number Six. for the year ensuing Also to bring in their Votes. for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester. Also to bring in their Votes. for a Representative. to Represent the ninth Congressional District in Massachusetts in the Congress of the United States- Also to bring in their Votes. for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States.- And to choose a Representative to Represent the Seventeenth District in Worcester County in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.-

The Votes for all the above Officers will be Received Open and Unfolded on One Ballot, or on Separate Ballots in Sealed Envelopes as may best Suit the Voters Each Vote to Specify the Office Voted for.

The Polls will be Opened to Recieve the Votes for the Above Officers at ten Oclock A M and closed at three Oclock P M on Said Day -

And. You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses. in the center of Said Town. and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village Farnums ville. Post Office and Saunders Village-

(over)

Meeting House ten days at least before the time of holding said Meeting—

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid—

Given under Our hands this twenty third day of October in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty

Horace Batchelor
H. S. Warren
Geo W Estabrook
Jon^{a} D Wheeler
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss—

November 6th A D 1860

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested Copy of the same at each of the public places as therein directed—

S D Hall Constable

A True Copy

Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton Novmber 6th A D 1860

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs held in the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Tuesday the Sixth day of Novmber A D 1860. it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in Said month. for the purposes Set forth in the foregoing Warrant. The Polls were Opened to Receive the Votes for the Several officers named in Said Warrant at ten oclock A M on Said day. The Votes having been all given in at three Oclock P M. on Said day the Polls were closed according to notice given in Said Warrant. The Votes having been all Sorted and counted were found to be for the following Persons and in the following numbers. Viz-

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The Whole Number of Votes for Electors at Large was five hundred ninety Eight- 598

(Republican Ticket)

George Morey of Boston had four hundred twenty seven Votes- 427

Reuben A Chapman of Springfield had four hundred twenty Seven Votes- 427

(Constitutional Union Ticket). Bell & Everett

Levi Lincoln of Worcester had fifty three Votes 53

Marshall P Wilder of Dorchester had fifty three Votes 53

(Douglas & Johnson Ticket) Dem

Isaac Davis of Worcester had One hundred fifteen Votes 115

Charles Huebner of Lee had One hundred fifteen Votes 115

(Breckinridge & Lane Ticket) Dem

Chester W Chapin of Springfield had three Votes 3

Ebin Sutton of South Danvers had three Votes- 3

For Elector for District No 1

Alfred Macy had four hundred twenty seven Votes 427

Joseph Grinnell of New Bedford had fifty three Votes 53

Alexander Baxter of Yarmouth had one hundred fifteen Votes 115

I B Phinny of Barnstable had three Votes 3-

For Elector for District No 2

James C Mitchell had four hundred twenty seven Votes 427
Benjamin Hobart of Abbington had fifty three Votes 53
Benjamin G Chase of Somerset had One hundred
fifteen Votes 115
P W Leeland of Fall River had three Votes 3

For Elector for District No 3

John M Forbes had four hundred twenty seven Votes 427
Henry L Mansfield of Blackstone had fifty three Votes 53
H A Aldrich of Mendon had One hundred fifteen Votes 115
Roswell Gleason of Dorchester had three Votes 3.

For an Elector for district No 4

Charles B Hall had four hundred twenty seven Votes 427
Sanford M Hunt of Roxbury had fifty three Votes 53
W J Reynolds of Roxbury had One hundred fifteen Votes 115
B F Hallett of Boston had three Votes 3.

For an Elector for District No 5

Peleg W Chandler had four hundred twenty seven Votes 427
J Thomas Stevenson of Boston had fifty three Votes 53
E. S. Chaffee of Cambridge had One hundred fifteen Votes 115
George W Parmenter of Boston had three Votes 3

For an Elector for District No 6

John G Whittier had four hundred twenty seven Votes. 427
Nathaniel Silsbee of Salem had fifty three Votes 53
George Upton of Salem had One hundred fifteen Votes 115
Henry Durant of Lynn had three Votes 3.

For an Elector for District No 7

Gerry W Cochrane had four hundred twenty seven Votes 427
N G White of Lawrence had fifty three Votes 53.
George W Dike of Stoneham had One hundred fifteen Votes 115
Richard Frothingham Jr of Charlestown had three Votes 3

For an Elector for District No 8

John Nesmith had four hundred twenty seven Votes 427
D S. Richardson of Lowell had fifty three Votes 53
Ambrose Sloper of Natic had One hundred fifteen Votes 115
Peter Haggarty of Lowell had three Votes 3

For an Elector for District No 9–

Amasa Walker had four hundred twenty seven Votes	427
John C Thurston of Lancaster had fifty three Votes	53
Levi Barker of Worcester had One hundred fifteen Votes	115
John Spurr of Charlton had three Votes–	3

For an Elector for District No 10.

Charles Field had four hundred twenty seven Votes	427
Osmyn Baker of Northampton had fifty three Votes	53
Stephen C Bunis of Springfield had One hundred fifteen Votes	115
Wells Lothrop of South Hadley had three Votes	3

For an Elector for district No 11.

Charles Mattoon had four hundred twenty seven Votes –	427
William C Bates of Westfield had fifty three Votes –	53
Phineas Allen of Pittsfield had One hundred fifteen Votes.	115
Reuben Noble of Westfield had three Votes	3

The Whole Number of Votes for Governor was five hundred Ninety Eight 598

John A Andrew of Boston had four hundred and twenty Votes. 420

Erasmus D Beach of Springfield had One hundred and Eighteen Votes 118

Amos A. Lawrence of Brookline had fifty seven Votes– 57

Benjamin F Butler of Lowell had three Votes. 3

The Whole Number of Votes for Lieutenant Governor was five hundred. Ninety Eight 598

John Z Goodrich of Rockbridge had four hundred twenty two Votes – 422

Charles Thompson of Charlestown had One hundred Seventeen. Votes – 117

George Marston of Barnstable had fifty five Votes– 55

David N Carpenter of Greenfield had three Votes 3

J W Brewer of Grafton had One Vote – 1

The Whole Number of Votes for Secretary
of the Commonwealth was five hundred ninety eight 598
Oliver Warner of Northampton had
four hundred twenty two votes— 422
Samuel W Bowerman of Pittsfield had
One hundred Eighteen votes 118
Thomas Parsons of Brookline had
fifty five votes— 55
W W Comstock of Middleboro
had three Votes— 3

The Whole Number of Votes for Treasurer
and Receiver General was five hundred Ninety five 595
Henry K Oliver of Lawrence had
four hundred nineteen votes— 419
Silas Pierce of Boston had
One hundred Eighteen Votes— 118
Samuel A Elliot of Cambridge
had fifty five votes— 55
George Dennet of Boston
had three votes— 3

The Whole Number of Votes for Auditor
was five hundred ninety nine 599
Levi Reed of Abington had
four hundred twenty two votes 422
James E Estabrook of Worcester
had One hundred Eighteen votes— 118
J Henry Hill of Worcester had
fifty five votes— 33
J W Mansur of Fitchburg had
three votes— 3
Col A H Waters of Millbury had One vote 1

The Whole Number of Votes for Attorney
General was Five Hundred ninety Eight— 598
Dwight Foster of Worcester had
four hundred Nineteen votes— 419

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Samuel O Lamb of Greenfield had
One hundred Eighteen Votes- 118
Henry Morris of Springfield had
Fifty Six Votes- 56
G Washington Warren of Charlestown
had three votes- 3
Ben Perley Poor had One Vote- 1
H C Studley of Grafton had One Vote- 1

The Whole Number of Votes for Senator for
the East Worcester District was five hundred Eighty seven 587
Benjamin Boynton of Westborough
had four hundred & fourteen votes- 414
Wm H Knowlton of Shrewsbury had
One hundred Eighteen votes 118
Joseph Burnett of Southborough had
Fifty five votes- 55

The Whole Number of Votes for Councillor for District
Number Six was five hundred ninety five- 595
James Ritchie of Roxbury had
Four hundred twenty two votes— 422
A H Ward Jr of Newton had
One Hundred Eighteen votes- 118
Andrew H Ward Jr of Newton
had fifty five votes- 55

The Whole Number of Votes for County
Commissioner for Worcester County was Five hundred
and ninety Six— 596
Delorous Taft of Upton had
Four hundred twenty One votes— 421
William Bennett of Hubbardston
had One hundred Seventy One votes 171
Charles B Rawson of Uxbridge
had three votes- 3
T M Bigelow of Grafton
had One Vote 1

The Whole Number of Votes for Representative to Congres. from District Numbed Nine was five hundred ninety three-- 593

Goldsmith F Bailey of Fitchburg had three hundred Eighteen Votes— 318

Eli Thayer of Worcester had two hundred seventy two Votes— 272

I W A Stevens of Gardner had Three Votes— 3

The Whole Number of Votes for Representativ to the General Court from District Number Seventeen in the County of Worcester was Five hundred Eighty nine 589

John M Davenport of Grafton had One Vote 1

S J Axtell of Grafton had One Vote 1

J H Wood of Grafton had two hundred and Eighty Seven Votes— 287

William F Slocum of Grafton had Three Hundred Votes. and was Elected— 300

The aforesaid Votes having been Recorded. declared and Sealed up in Open Town Meeting as the Law directs— The Meeting was dissolved—

A true Record

James M White Town Clerk

Grafton. November. 27th 1860

In accordance with Notice duly given The remaining Members of the Board of School committee and Selectmen met in the Town Clerks Office for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the Board of School committee Occasioned by the resignation of Wm F. Slocum. and. by ballot. chose Rev Wm Miller to fill said vacancy—

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fourth day of March next at nine Oclock A.M. to act on the following articles to Wit.

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting-

" 2d To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the Year Ensuing-

" 3d To hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon-

" 4th To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer and act thereon

" 5th To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and act thereon

" 6th To hear the Report of the Collector of Taxes and act thereon-

" 7th To hear the Report of the Engineers and act thereon-

" 8th To hear the Report of the General School Committee and act thereon-

" 9th To hear the Report of the Trustees of River Side Cemetery and act thereon-

" 10th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery and act thereon-

" 11th To determine the manner of Repairing the Highways Townways and Bridges the Ensuing Year-

" 12th To raise Such Sum of Money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the Ensuing Year and make Appropriations of the Same and act thereon-

" 13th To See what Discount the Town will make to those Persons who Shall Voluntarily pay their

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Taxes to the Collector within Such periods of time as the Town Shall direct. And determine when all Taxes Shall be collected and paid in to the Treasurer and fix the compensation of the Collector and Act thereon.

Art 14 To See what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year and act thereon.

" 15th To See what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the Year Ensuing and Act thereon.

" 16th To See if the Town will Authorize the Prudential Committees in the Several School Districts to Employ the School Teachers in their Respective Districts or act thereon.

" 17th To See if the Town will accept the "List of Names" prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the "Jury Box" or Act thereon

" 18th To determine the place within the Town where the High School Shall be kept the Ensuing Year.

" 19th To See if the Town will cause One of the Church Bells in the center of the Town to be Rung at Twelve Oclock M and at Nine Oclock P.M. or act thereon

" 20th To See if the Town will take any measures to Suppress the Illegal Sale of Intoxicating Liquors within the Town or Act thereon as petitioned for by R.L. Witherby and Others.

" 21 To See if the Town will appropriate Fifty Dollars to be used by the Overseers of the Poor in trying Experiments with Guanno and Other Fertil=izers on their Town Farm. Said Experiments to be Reported in Print at the Next annual Meeting and act thereon as petitioned for by Charles Brigham.

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Art. 22d To See if the Town will appropriate Five Hundred Dollars more or less for the purchase of New Books and accept as a present (if offered) or purchase at a small price the Lyceum and Farmers Libraries now Owned in Town and with the same Establish a Free Library to be kept in some central place for the Benefit of all her Inhabitants and act thereon as petitioned for by Charles Brigham -

" 23d To See if the Town will change the places for Posting Warrants for Town Meetings from the several Meeting Houses in the Town to the several Post Offices in said Town or act thereon as Petitioned for by W D Wheeler and Others -

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by Posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the center of said Town and at the Meeting Houses in New England Village - Farnumsville Post Office and Saunders Village Meeting House to Stand over two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting -

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid -

Given Under Our hands this Eighteenth day of February in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty One -

Horace Batchelor
E B Brooks
Jon.a D Wheeler
Geo W Estabrook
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss February 22d A D 1861

I have this day Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up an attested Copy of the same at each of the Public Places as therein directed -

S D Hall Constable of Grafton -

A True Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton March 4th 1861.

At the Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton held in the Town Hall in said Grafton On Monday the Fourth day of March A D 1861. in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant. The following proceedings were had viz -

1. The Meeting was called to Order and the Warrant read by the Town Clerk and then By Ballot chose S D Hall. Moderator - Unanimously

2. Prayer by Rev. T C Biscoe -

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to bring in the Votes for Town Clerk. Selectmen - Town Treasurer - Assessors. Overseers of the Poor - General School Committee Trustee of River Side Cemetery and Constables on One Ballot. -

On Motion of Wm F Slocum Esq. it was Voted to choose five Selectmen - Three Assessors - Three Overseers of the Poor - Three General School Committee - One for three years - One for two years and One for One Year and Seven Constables for the Year Ensuing - -

The Votes having been all given in - Sorted and Counted. The following Persons were declared Elected to Office for the Year Ensuing as follows. viz

For Town Clerk

James W White who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by the Moderator

For Selectmen

Jonathan D Wheeler. Sworn March 4th by Moderator
Horace S Warren " " " " "
George W Estabrook " " " " "
John McClellan " " " " "
Ashley W Rice Sworn March 6 1861 by James W White Town Clerk

Jon^{a} D Wheeler. Horace S Warren Geo W Estabrook and John McClellan came forward and were duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office by S D Hall Moderator

For Treasurer

Rufus E Warren. Sworn March 14th 1861 By J W White Town Clerk

For Assessors

J. H. Wood Sworn March 26th 1861 by James W White Town Clerk
Robert Mowry Sworn March 9th 1861 by James W White Town Clerk
Lawson Munyan - Sworn March 18th 1861 by J W White Town Clerk

For Overseers of the Poor

Jonas H Allen. Sworn March 5th 1861. by J W White Town Clerk
Samuel Harrington " March 4th 1861 " J W White Town Clerk
Stephen R White " Sworn March 6th 1861 by James W White Town Clerk -

For General School Committee

Rev Thos C Biscoe for three Years
Rev J M Rockwood for two Years (re elected)
Rev William Miller for One Year -

For Trustee for Riverside Cemetery -

Esek Saunders -

For Constables -

J B Sibley. Sworn March 4th 1861. by James W White Town Clerk
S D Hall. Sworn March 4th 1861 by James W White Town Clerk
W D Wheeler Sworn March 4th 1861 by James W White Town Clerk
Walter Forehand Sworn March 6th 1861 by James W White Town Clerk
H B Fairbanks Sworn March 25th 1861 by James W White Town Clerk
David Chase Sworn March 12th 1861 by James W White Town Clerk
Joseph W Leland Sworn March 4th 1861 by James W White Town Clerk

On Motion Voted to pass Over the Second Article in the Warrant for the present -

Took up the 3d Article in the Warrant -

The Report of the Selectmen having been Printed and two Errors corrected was by Vote accepted as follows - viz -

Report of the Selectmen.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton -

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the Close of their official duties for the Year ending March 4th 1861. Submit the following Report of the condition of the Town viz -

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They have Settled with Rufus E Warren. Treasurer of Said Town and find his Account Correct and as follows-

1860 Dr

March 1	To Cash on hand as by last Report	3538	05
"	" Recieved of State Treasurer for State Paupers	5	00
"	" of J B Sibley Collector for 1859	160	00
"	" of Selectmen for Circus Licinse.	5	00
"	" of Wm T Barker Liquor Agent	129	70
"	" of Selectmen for Board of Lucy Byron	30	86
"	" of State Treasurer " School Fund	206	03
"	" Interest on E Singletary's Note	60	00
"	Dividend on Davis Manufacturing Co's Taxes for 1857	10	32
"	of Selectmen on account of Shepherd Cooper	8	58
"	James W White on Acct of Dog Licenses	84	00
"	James W White Collector for 1860	10,840	64
	Total. Recipts		15,018.

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Paid D B Hubbard. High School Teacher		30	00
"	" " "	33	00
"	" " "	50	00
"	" " "	50	00
"	" " "	57	00
"	" " "	40	87
"	" " "	88	61
"	" " "	60	00
"	" " "	90	00
Paid H C Biscoe for Assistant High School Teacher.		57	00
"	" "	60	00
"	" "	66	00
" L W Dodge Rent for High School Room		135	00
" do " " " "		90	00
" J B White for Coal for High School		35	00
" F McIntire for Wood " "		5	63
" Wm Quinn. Cutting Wood " "		2	00
" Care of High School Room		15	75
			966 73-

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Paid C W Stratton	District No 1 Common school	734	85		
" S P Champney	" No 2 " "	167	38		
" Le N Leland	" No 3 " "	171	46		
" A W Rice	" No 4 " "	95	00		
" Henry G Prentice	" No 5 " "	85	00		
" Geo W Crombe Jr	" No 6 " "	408	25		
" Charles Brigham	" No 7 " "	86	50		
" Ebenezer Lincoln	No 8 " "	163	30		
" L H Bigelow	No 9 " "	636	87		
" Gilbert C Taft	No 10 " "	310	27		
" Joseph H Whitney	No 11 " "	171	51		
"				3030	89
" Silas E Stow for	District No 3 - School of 1859	104	41		
" Jefferson Bellows	" No 6 " "	205	13		
" Charles Brigham	" No 7 " "	12	79		
" H P Brown	" No 10 " "	203	36		
				526	29
" H Batchelor for	Selectmens Services for 1859			114	75
" Charles Hamilton for	Printing Reports	21	86		
" F McIntire for	Printing School Reports	19	50		
" E R Fiske for	Printing Regulations concerning cattle	6	87		
" T C Bisco for	Printing School Reports	9	13		
				57	36
" J H Wood for	School Books.	104	47		
" Wm T Barker	" "	3	68		
				108	15
" Luke F Allen.	Overseer of the Poor			670	00
" Martin Jasset.	care of Town Hall and Ringing Bell			13	00
" Geo F Slocomb.	Chief Engineer			900	00
" Josiah Hall.	Sexton	30	70		
" C B Jencks	"	27	90		
" Samuel Hall	"	12	50		
" N G Whitney	"	30	50		
" Charles Daniels	"	56	70		
				156	30
" State Lunatic Hospital for	Susan L Wheelock	144	32		
" " " "	Mary M Cooper	11	58		
				155	90

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" Paid Elijah Stow. Special appropriation on Highways for 1859			20 00
Paid Samuel Harrington Liquor Agent			100 00
" H Batchelor for Repairing Bridge at Fishersville	12	50	
" J H Whitney for building Bridge over Bummit Brook	53	00	
" J H Whitney for building Bridge over Quinsigamond River near J Daniels	253	00	
" J H Whitney for widening Road near said Bridge	20	00	
			342 50
" F McIntire for Services as General School Committee	72	25	
" O Crane for Services as General School Committee	52	50	
" I C Biscoe " " " " "	64	50	
			189 25
" Noah Fletcher for building Hook and Ladder House and Repairing No 1 Engine House	336	84	
" M Quinby & Son for Hook and Ladder Carriage & Apparatus	375	00	
" for Pump Stove and Furniture &c. for Hook and Ladder Co Hall	58	38	
" Wm A Fiske for laying foundation and Mooring No 1 Engine House, diging Well &c.	57	00	
" Barnabas Newton - Mason work on No 1 Engine House	3	30	
" C J Legate for Painting Hook & Ladder & Engine House No 1	45	00	
" R E Warren for Land for Hook and Ladder and Engine House No 1 and Recording Deed	100	52	
" H Batchelor for mooving No 3 Engine House and foundation for Same	63	00	
" Insurance on three Engine Houses	34	51	
			1075 53
" Henry Wesson money belonging to School District No 4.			22 88
" J H Wood. Services as Assessor & Stationary	168	30	
" John McClellan " "	93	00	
" Robert Mowry " "	90	00	
			351 30
" John Cosgrove for Mowing Old burying ground			7 00
For Shingling Hearse House			9 75
Augustus Forbush for 1 Lamb Killed by dogs	3	00	
Solomon Carroll for 2 Sheep " "	25	00	
N Forehand for killing 8 dogs	4	00	32 00

Paid	W D Wheeler notifying Town Officers	10 00	
"	S D Hall copying and posting Warrants for Town Meetings	25 25	
			35 25
"	James W White for Cash paid Exps & and various Services as Town Clerk	138 48	
"	James W White for collecting Taxes	56 64	
			195 12
"	H Batchelor for Repairing Guide Boards		12 00
	J P Stow for breaking Roads		5 13
"	H A Davis State Sealer		8 13
"	State Treasurer Principal on Town Note	1500 00	
"	State Treasurer interest on Town Note	180 00	
			1680 00
"	County Tax	2268 68	
"	State Tax	622 50	
			2891 18
"	Assessors Orders Abatements		60 29
"	J B Sibley Collector for 1857 Error in Overpaying Taxes		7.97
"	J Warren Rent of Clerks Office		40 00
	Whole amount paid Out.		13784 17

Resources of the Town

Amount in the hands of the Treasurer	1294 01	
" " James W White Collector for 1860	299 98	
E Singletary Note	1000 00	
Town Farm and buildings thereon	6000 00	
Personal Property belonging to Farm	253 13	
Three fire Engines and fixtures	341 00	
Three Engine Houses Hook & Ladder House and Land	2350 00	
Hook and Ladder Carriage and Appurtenances	425 00	
Towns Safe and Office fixtures	360 00	
Balance in hands of Liquor Agent	20 20	
Due from Shepherd Cooper	3 00	
Whole amount of Resources		17910 32

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Liabilities of the Town

Due on Treasurers Note to State Treasurer	$ 1500.00	
Interest on Note to State Treasurer	48.50	
" Owseers of the Poor for Support of the Poor	$ 372.94	
Whole Amount of Liabilities		1,921.44
Balance of Assets over Liabilities		$ 15,988.88

At the following named places Guide Boards are erected and Maintained within the Town as follows At the corner of the Roads near Warrns Block; near J D Wheelers; near S H Allens.; near William Wallaces. near S H Allens Barn. Northerly of the Residence of F Watsman; near the Indian burying Ground; near Farnums Ville School House; near the Store of A Morse; near Jefferson Bellows; near Farnumsville Depot. near Nelson Ferrys; near Austin Holbrooks. near H T Eddys; near Saunders Store. near J McClellans; near the House known as the bush Tavern. near Charles Daniels; at each of the corners Northerly of the Old burying Ground; near Quinsigamond House New England Villard. near H B Fairbanks. near Widow C T Fays; near house on Town Farm; near Meeting House in New England Villard; near J W Putnams; northerly of the House of James Houghtons near Waterville School House; near Joseph Kimballs. at two places between the two last named places; near Widow H J Bratts. near Calvin Clisbys. On Barn of B W Fays. near L N Lelands Westerly of Geo Dunns. near William A Fiskes. near Jonathan Sibleys and near Joseph Bruces.—

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Horace Batchelor
E B Brooks
Jon^{a} D Wheeler
H S Warren
Geo W Estabrook

} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton March 4th 1861

1860 Report of Wm T Barker Liquor Agent

March 5	Liquor and Casks on hand	92 27	
	Cash On hand	118 26	
			210 53
May 10	Recived pr Sales of Liquors and Casks		162 50
1860			373 03
May 10	Cash Paid for Liquors	127 69	
	" " for Casks &c.	8 84	
	" " " Freight	3 41	
	Agents Salary	11 12	
	Liquors On hand delivered J Harrington	86 00	
	Cash Paid Town Treasurer	129 70	
			366 70
			6.27

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All of which is Respectfully Submitted

May 10 1860 Wm T Barker Agent.

1860 Report of Samuel Harrington Liquor Agent

May 10.	Recived of Town from former Agent Wm T Barker		
	Liquors and fixtures	86 00	
" 23.	" " Cash	100 00	
	" for Casks Sold	8 65	
	" for Liquors Sold from May 10th 1860 to Feb 27th 1861	397 69	
			592 34
	Paid for Liquors from May 10th 1860 to Feb. 27th 1861 —	469 74	
	Agents Salary 10 Months	41 66	
	" Freight	9 78	
1861			521 18
Feb 27	Amt of Cash on hand	71 16	
	" " Liquors on hand	119 84	
	" " Casks Measures &c.	16 20	
			207 20
	Recived of Town and former Agent.		186 00
	Showing a profit of.		$ 21 20

Samuel Harrington Agent

Grafton Feb. 27th 1861

Treasurers Report.

Took up the 4th Article in the Warrant and on motion Voted to accept the Treasurers Report as Printed which was as follows – viz

Town of Grafton in account with Rufus E Warren Treasurer of Said Town –

March 1st 1860 Cr

Cash on hand as per last Report	3538 05	
" Rec: from Stat Treasurer for Stat Paupers	5 00	
" " of J. B. Sibley Collector for 1859	160 00	
" " Selectmen for Circus License	5 00	
" " Wm T Barker Liquor Agent	129 70	
" " Selectmen for Board of Lucy Byron	30 86	
" " Stat Treasurer – School fund	206 03	
" " Intrest On E Singletary's Note	60 00	
" " of Selectmen Dividend on Davis Manf'g Co. Taxes for 1859	10 32	
" " of Selectmen on acct of Shepherd Cooper	8 58	
" " James W White for Dog Licenses	84 00	
" " James W White Collector for 1860	10,840 64	
		15,078.18

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Paid Selectmens Orders		9.110 06
" On Treasurers Note to Stat Treasurer	1500 00	
" " Interest on Same	180 00	
" Stat Sealer for Sealing Weights & Measures	8 13	
" Insurance on Engine & Hook & Ladder Houses	34 51	
		1722 64
" State Tax	622 50	
" County Tax	2268 68	
		2891 18

Paid Assessors Orders of Abatement of Taxes to the following Persons the following amounts –

Leonard Summister	1 50
E K Pratt	6 00
Joseph Smith	1 50
Mathew Nash	1 50
Theodore A Ames	1 50

Morgan Redman	1 50		
John Aldrich	1 50		
J C Bennett	1 50		
John Blackbird	1 50		
Charles Cooper	1 50		
William Carrick	1 50		
John Cathard	2 62		
Peter Conroy	1 50		
Brigham Cheney	1 50		
Peter Ducett	1 50		
Lucinda Dispeau	4 41		
Marshall How	1 50		
Elijah Harrington	1 50		
Albert King	1 50		
Morris Keefe	1 50		
William Lemerhan	1 50		
John Lebishea	1 50		
C A Penniman	1 50		
Paul Pine	1 50		
Dennis Roach	1 50		
Patrick Rourke	1 50		
Lewis Rivirs	1 50		
William Sweeney	1 50		
John St Peter	1 50		
Joseph Williams	1 50		
Diadama Wheeler	5 14		
Jerry McKenzie	1 50		
J H Chickering	62		
			60 29
Whole amount of Receipts	150 78 18		
" " Paid Out	137 84 17		
" Cash On hand		$ 1294	01
Amt Now Subject to Draft — for High School		193	27
" " Common School dist. No 4	80 54		
" " " " No 5	78 30		
" " " " No 7	76 80	235	64

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Rufus E Warren. Treasurer

Grafton March 4th 1861

Took up the fifth Article in the Warrant. and on motion Voted to Accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor as Printed which was as follows viz

Report of the Overseers of the Poor

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Grafton respectfully present to the Inhabitants of said Town their Annual Report of the condition of their Poor Establishment for the Year Ending March 1st 1861 as follows—

Expenses. On farm for Stock, Boarding Clothing			
Medical attendance &c. —	928	96	
Interest On Real Estate —	360	00	
Agents Salary —	263	00	
Labor exclusive of Agents Salary	351	44	
Services of Overseers —	60	00	
Total Expenses —			1962. 40
Amount of Produce Sold	1002	92	
Balance of Inventory above last Year	277	86	
Extra Expences for Repairs and improvement	161	25	1442 03
Leaving a balance for Supporting Paupers on the farm			520 37

Whole number Supported or Assisted on the farm the past Year 301. Whole number of weeks 294. Average cost per week $ 177—

Cost of Supporting Paupers off the farm the past Year —

Sally Phillips	49	29
Rufus A Johnson	88	50
Deborah Warren	36	00
Thomas J Paine and family	113	76
John Paine	4	00
Mrs Prew	22	25
Charles A Sherman	52	00
John Kelly	1	00
Funeral Charges of Child of Jo. Davis	4	00
Mr Mc Henry	43	25
James H Smith and family	14	82

Peter Labree	3 00		
Catharine Larame	9 50		
Reuben Taylor	4 50		
Samuel Cisco	5 48		
Assistance rendered Francis Gardner & Family	10 00		
Funeral Expenses of Mrs F Gardner and Child	8 15		
" " of Francis Gardner Jr	9 53		
Catharine Sweeney	5 00		
Charles Prentice and Family	8 50		
Wm G Douglass and Family	12 00		
Total		504 53	
Due from State		20 00	
Balance for Supporting Paupers off the Farm the present Year		484 53	
Total Expenses of Supporting Paupers the past Year	1004 90	1004 90	
Valuation of Town Farm	6000 00		
" " Personal Property	2534 13		
		8534.13	

All of which is Respectfully Submitted—

Joseph B Adams
Luke F Allen
J H Allen
} Overseers of The Poor—

Took up the Sixth Article in the Warrant and on motion Voted to Accept the Report of the Collector of Taxes as Printed which was as follows viz—

Collectors Report—

The Amount of Taxes comitted by the Assessors of the Town of Grafton to James W White Collector for 1860 is as follows viz

1860 June 22	Town Grant	8500 00	
	County Tax	2268 68	
	State Tax	622 50	
	Overlayings	235 63	
	1 Poll Tax assessed Since bill Committed	1 50	
			11628 31

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	School District No 4 Tax		359	68	
	Tax assessed Since bill Committed		2	35	362 03
	Total Amount of Tax		11990	34	362 03
1860					
July 3	To cash Paid Treasurer (District Tax)		250	00	
" 21	" " " " "		77	00	
Aug 14	" " " " "		17	87	
1861 Feb 26	" " " " "		6	82	351 69
"	School District Tax Uncollected				10 34
					362 03
1860					
Aug 21st	To cash Paid Treasurer (Town Tax)		2000	00	
" 23	" " " " "		2250	00	
" 28	" " " " "		2125	00	
Nov 1	" " " "		1134	34	
Dec 31	" " " "		622	50	
1861 Jan 1	" " " "		1134	34	
Jan 1	" " " "		150	00	
" 2	" " " "		550	00	
" 24	" " " "		250	00	
Feb 18	" " " "		300	00	
" 25	" " " "		200	00	
" 26	" " " "		1246	46	10840 64
	Discount on Taxes		487	69	
	Cash Received on Taxes since Settlement.		19	34	
	with Treasurer		19	34	
	Uncollected Taxes		280	64	
					11628 31
					11990 34

The Uncollected Taxes are against the following Persons. and for the Amounts Set to their Names

Newman C Allen	1 50	William Brosky	1 50
Charles Baker	1 50	William Block	1 50
John Bean	1 50	Owen Burns	1 50
Andrew Barr	1 50	Oliver Bailargon	1 50
C H Bullock	1 50	Abner Cushing	1 50
Henry Barrett	1 50	Oen Clark	1 50
Israel Brown	1 50	John Campbell	1 50
Lucian Boyden	1 50	Rowland Cobb.	1 50

Seneca Congdon	5	87	Joseph Kelly	1	50
John Cosgrove	1	81	John Keyes	1	50
S G Congdon	5	88	Michael Kelly	1	50
Joseph Clymes	1	50	Peter Kenery	1	50
Walter Claflin	1	50	H N Kingsbury	1	50
John Dunn	1	50	George Lebeau	1	50
Olney Davis	1	50	Thomas Lamb	1	50
William Dunn	1	50	Augustus Sagassy	1	50
Aldra Deaux	1	50	Joseph Lewis	1	50
James Davis	1	50	Edward Lebonte	1	50
Joseph Davis	1	50	William Leach	1	50
Morris Fahay	1	50	Robert Moore	1	50
Robert Fannin	1	50	Charles L Mitchell	5	87
James Fannin	1	50	Jonas Munroe	8	30
George E Flagg	1	50	John Mayville	1	50
D H Freeman	1	50	Frank Mason	1	50
Mrs Abigail Fowler	6	25	John Needer	1	50
Joel Glover	1	50	Michael Neal	1	50
H A Gifford	1	50	Mathew O Brien	1	50
James S Gee	1	50	Alonzo Putnam	1	50
Patrick Horan	1	50	Wm T Parmenter	1	50
Nelson R Hill	1	50	Frederick W Putnam	1	50
Richard Harrison	1	50	Charles Phillips	1	50
William Horton	1	50	D L Perry	1	50
Charles Horton	1	50	A J Perry	1	50
George Howe	1	50	H H Potter	10	18
Adam Horst	1	50	Charles E Perkins	1	50
Adolphus Howe	3	37	Norman Ripley	1	50
William Hatey	1	50	G A Rawson	1	50
John Hill	1	50	Patrick Rochford	8	37
Eli Hewett	1	50	Joshua Robinson	4	06
Daniel Hammond	1	50	Hugh Sweeny	1	50
George W Hale	10	88	Albert A Smith	1	50
George W Hastings	1	75	John D Sherman	1	50
Thomas Horn	1	50	Silas Snow	1	50
Thomas Ivory	1	50	Dennis Smith	1	50
John Jerome	1	50	Augustus Salisbury	14	13
Isaac Jolly	1	50	Arthur Spring	1	50
John Jennings	1	50	John Smith	1	50

Thamer F Snow	1 50	Owen Winn	1 50
Christopher Summitt	1 50	Deman Wood	1 50
Morrill Summitt	1 50	Frank Willard	1 50
John Shirley	1 50	John Young	1 50
Daniel Trask	1 50	Non Residents	
D M Tucker	1 50	Jonas Bartlett	13 75
John C Wheeler	1 50	" " School dist No 4	
Leonard S Wheelock	11 15	$10 34	
Wheelock Brothers	4 22	Abner Cooper	63
Charles Winn	1 50	Dennis Eames	63
Calvin Wesson	5 44	George H Newton	31
Georg W Wade	1 50	Widow Rawson	1 25
Daniel Wheelock	5 34	Pliny Slocomb	38
Albert D Wheelock	2 44	Arba T Wood	1 88
		Total	280. 64

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

James W White Collector

Grafton March 4th 1861

Took up the Seventh Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to accept the Report of the Engineers as Printed which was as follows viz

Chief Engineers Report

Town of Grafton in Account with George F Slocomb Chief Engineer for Expindatures of the Fire Department for the Year Ending March 4th 1861 –

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By Cash received of H S Warren	59 98
" " On Selectmens Orders	900 00
Total Receipts	959 98

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Engine Co. No 1. "Rescue"			
Paid for Services of 39 men for the Year Ending May 1st 1860	189	17	
" " Care of Engine and Apparatus one Year	10	00	
" " Two Lengths Suction Hose	42	00	
" " Repairs	7	50	
" " Express	2	00	
" " Wood	2	75	
			253 42
Engine Co No 2 "Emperor"			
Paid for Services of 54 men for the Year Ending May 1st 1860	181	21	
" " Care of Engine and Apparatus one Year	10	00	
" " S A Knowles Bill	9	22	
" " J H Harrington's Bill	1	13	
			201 56
Engine Co. No 3. "Blackstone"			
Paid for Services of 39 men for the Year ending May 1st 1860	159	48	
" Care of Engine and Apparatus one Year	10	00	
" F. Burr for 203 ½ feet new Hose	203	75	
" John Boyd & Sons for 99 ½ feet new Hose	89	80	
" for Repairs and Express	5	62	
" " Sundries	1	27	
			469 92
Paid for use of One Horse for Engine Co No 2 to fire at Otis Adams's	2	00	
" Burr & Shaws Bill for Repairs	3	63	
" R A Smith " " Express	1	15	
" Badges	1	34	
			8 12
Hook and Ladder Co No 1			
Paid for Wood			2 75
Total Amount Paid Out.			935 77
Leaving a balance on Hand			24 21

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

George F Slocomb Chief Engineer

A True Copy

Attest

James M White Town Clerk

Took up the Eighth article in the Warrant - The General School Committee not being prepared to Report. it was Voted to pass Over the Article for the present

Took up the Ninth Article in the Warrant - The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery not being prepared to Report. it was Voted to pass Over the Article for the Present.

Took up the tenth Article in the Warrant - The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery not being prepared to Report it was Voted to pass Over the Article for the present -

Took up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant - and On Motion Voted to put the whole matter of Repairing the Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year into the hands of the Selectmen -

Took up the twelfth Article in the Warrant. and On Motion ~~Voted to Raise~~ Ten Thousand Dollars to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year -

On Motion Voted to Appropriate Three Thousand Dollars for Common Schools the Ensuing Year -

A Motion was made to Appropriate Eleven hundred and Sixty dollars for High School the ensuing Year the motion was put by the Moderator and declared carried in the affirmative - The Vote was doubted the House divided - and the motion Lost - Then

On Motion Voted to Appropriate One Thousand Dollars for High School the Ensuing Year -

On Motion Voted to Appropriate One Thousand Dollars for Repairing Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year -

On Motion Voted to Appropriate "a Sum Sufficient to pay the Town Debt due the State Treasurer before the first of January next. -

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Took up the 13th Article in the Warrant -
John W Slocomb Esq called for the reading of the Record of the Vote of the Town last Year in relation to discount and the collection of Taxes which was read by the Clerk as follows viz. Voted that all Persons who Shall Voluntarily pay their Taxes within Sixty days from the time they are committed to the Collector. Shall recieve a discount of five per cent On the Same - That all Poll Taxes Shall be payable On demand - That all Taxes Shall be collected and paid in to the Treasurer. On Or before the first day of January next That the Collector Shall pay Over to the Treasurer all money by him collected. Once in ten days commensing at the time the Taxes are committed to him for collection - Then on Motion of John W Slocomb. it was Voted to amend the Vote of Last Year just read. by Striking out the words "within Sixty days from the time they are committed to the Collector" -
and Substituting the words. "On Or before the fifteenth day of October next." and adopt it as amended - which is as follows -

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Voted That All Persons who Shall Voluntarily pay their Taxes On Or before the fifteenth day of October next Shall recieve a discount of five percent on the Same - That all Poll Taxes Shall be payable on demand - That all Taxes Shall be collected and paid in to the Treasurer On Or before the first day of January next - That the Collector Shall pay Over to the Treasurer all money by him Collected Once in ten days, commensing at the time the Taxes are committed to him for Collection

On Motion Voted to put the Collecting of Taxes up at Auction to the Lowest Bider- The collecting of Taxes was then put up at Auction James W White. Offered to collect for One half of One percent. and they were Struck off to him at that price

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2 Took up the Second Article in the Warrant. and by Ballot chose James W White Collector for the Year Ensuing— who accepted the Office and was duly sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of of the same by the Moderator in Open Town meting—

On Motion Voted to put the appointment of the remaining Town Officers into the hands of the Selectmen

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14 Took up the 14th Article in the Warrant. and On motion Voted to Allow the Sextons for burying the Dead the Same as last Year which was Two Dollars and fifty cents for digging and filling the Grave. Ringing the Bell to give Notice of a Death and Tolling the Bell at the funeral and attending the funeral. with his Horse and the Towns Hearse— Said two dollars and fifty cents. to be in full for all services as. Sexton as required above required—

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15 Took up the 15th article in the Warrant— On Motion Voted to Allow Firemen the Same Compensation as last Year with the Same limitations and provision which were as follows The number of men for Each Engine Company limited to forty five Men— That they Recive five Dollars a Year. and that Each member Recive pay in proportion to the time he Shall remain with the company. that is for three Months 1/4 for Six months 1/2 of the years pay—

16. Took up the Sixteenth article in the Warrant and on motion Voted to Authorize the Prudential Committees in the Several School Districts to employ the School Teachers in their respective Districts. the Ensuing Year—

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17 Took up the Seventeenth article in the Warrant, a List of Names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box of the Town was presented and read—and on motion it was Voted to accept the same—

At the request of D B Wingate as presented by J D Wheeler it was Voted to Strike his name from the said List—

A motion was made to strike the names of all persons from the List who are not liable to Serve if drawn as Jurors—. after Some discussion the motion was put and lost—

It was then Voted to Recommit the List to the Selectmen. for revision —

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18 Took up the Eighteenth article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted that the High School be kept within the limits of the center School District the ensuing Year —

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19. Took up the Nineteenth article in the Warrant, On motion Voted to Authorize the Selectmen to cause One Of the Church Bells in the center of the Town to be Rung at twelve Oclock M— and at nine Oclock P M. the ensuing Year

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20th Took up the twentieth article in the Warrant. On Motion it was Voted that the Selectmen be Ordered to Suspress the Illegal Sale of Intoxicating Liquors within the Town —

21. Took up the twenty first article in the Warra
On Motion Voted to pass over the article -

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22. Took up the twenty Second Article in the Warant
On motion Voted to pass Over the Article —

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23. Took up the twenty third article in the Warant.
On Motion Voted to change the places for "posting Warants" for Town Meetings from the Several Meeting Houses in the Town to the Several Post Offices in said Town and that they be Printed and a Sufficient number of copies be Printed and left at the Several Post Offices to furnish Each Voter with a copy of the Same —

The Selectmen presented a List of Uncollected and as Supposed Uncollectable Taxes remaining in the hands of J B Sibley Collector for 1859 with a Request from Mr Sibley for a discharge from further Service or Responcibility concerning the Same The List was read and On Motion it was Voted that J. B. Sibley be discharged from further Service as collector his Bond given up to him and the list committed to the new collector -

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On Motion it was Voted to Instruct the Assessors to cause to be Printed in Pamphlet form a full and compleat List of all Polls and all Estate both Real and Personal with the Valuation on Tax assessed on the Same for the Ensuing Year in Sufficient numbers to Supply Each Tax Payer with a Copy of the Same —

On Motion Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the fourth Monday in March current at One Oclock P M.
A True Record
~~AHHH~~

James W White Town Clerk

Know all men by these presents that we James W White of Grafton in the County of Worcester and commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal and Edward B Bigelow and Abraham M Bigelow of said Grafton as Sureties, are holden and firmly bound to said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorney in the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves and our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents.

Sealed with Our Seals and dated this nineteenth day of March in the Year Eighteen hundred and Sixty One—

The condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas, the said James W White has been chosen Collector of Taxes for said Town of Grafton for the current Year and has accepted that Office and been duly Sworn to the discharge of the duties of the Same— Now if the said James W White Shall as Collector as aforesaid faithfully collect, account for and pay Over all Taxes, which he Shall be legally required to collect, and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the Other Legal duties of the aforesaid Office.— Then this Obligation Shall be void— Otherwise Shall remain in full force and Virtue—

Executed in presence of
Edmund J Whittemore

James W White L S
E B Bigelow L S
A M Bigelow L S

Accepted March 19th 1861

Jon^a D Wheler
H I Warren
Geo W Estabrook
John McClellan
A W Rice
} Selectmen of Grafton—

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk—

Grafton May 13th A D 1861. In consideration of the Resignation of the within bound James W White as Collector of Taxes for the Year A D 1861 which resignation has been accepted by us. We hereby cancel and discharge the within Bond.—
Jon^a D Wheler H I Warren Geo W Estabrook John McClellan A W Rice Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton March 25th 1861

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Town affairs. having met according to adjournment from the fourth day of March current. proceeded as follows to wit-

1st The meeting was called to Order by S D Hall. Moderator

2 The Records of the proceedings of the Last Meeting (Except the portion contained in the Printed Reports of the Several Town Officers which were by Vote of the Town passed over) were read by the Town Clerk and Approved by the Town -

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant. and by Ballot chose. Frank Nichols General School Committee for two years in place of Rev. J M Rockwood who was Elected March 4th 1861 but declined Serving -

On Motion Voted to choose the usual number of Highway Surveyors for the Year Ensuing -

A Motion was made to choose the Highway Surveyors by nomination. but not carried -

On Motion Voted to Reconsider the Vote "to choose the usual number of Highway Surveyors for the year Ensuing" -

Then on Motion Voted to choose five Highway Surveyors by ballot, and all brought in on One ballot. -

Then by Ballot chose Jonathan D Wheeler Horace S Warren George W Estabrook John McClellan and Ashley W Rice Highway Surveyors for the year Ensuing - who accepted the Office and were Severally Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Same by S D Hall Moderator -

On Motion voted to take up the Seventeenth article in the Warrant. - The Selectmen presented a "Revised List" of Names to be placed in the Jury Box of the Town for the Year Ensuing. Said List containing Seventy two Names.

Willard D Wheeler Offered as a Substitute a List containing forty Six Names as being the Number the Town are Obliged by Law to keep in their Jury Box - Each of said Names being Also on the List presented by the Selectmen - and On Motion it was voted to accept the List of Names presented by Willard D Wheeler - to be placed in the Jury Box of the Town which was as follows viz -

Seth J Axtell
Joseph B Adams
Luke F Allen
Joseph Adams 2d
Horace Batchelor
Horace P Brown
A M Bigelow
L H Bigelow
Jefferson Bellows
S D Champney
Calvin Clisbee
Warren Campbell
George M Dunn
John M Davenport
Sumner Dunsmore
E P Dennis -
John W Estabrook
Samuel C Flagg
Winthrop Faulkner
Noah Fletcher
Charles Fowler
Charles Goddard
Charles Goddard Jr.
Lewi C Heywood
Royal A Keith
C B Knowlton
John McClellan
Lawson Mungan
Robert Mowry
George K Nichols
James G Putnam
L S Pratt
A W Rice
J W Stow
Silas Vinton
M C Woodbury
Jon^a D Wheeler
John Whitney
Lowell White
John Waterman
J H Wood
Frederick Waterman
Orlando Whitney
Jonathan Warren
Henry F Wing
Wm F Wheeler -

Took up the second article in the Warrant and On Motion voted to Choose three field drivers for the Year ensuing -

(over)

By Nomination Chose for Field Drivers -
Albert Bradish Sworn April 20th 1861 by J W White Town Clerk
Benj^r W Fay
David Chase Sworn May 17th 1861 by Town Clerk
On Motion Voted to add one more Then Chose
Barnabas Newton
Then Voted to add one more Then chose
J. B. Adams - who accepted the Office & was Sworn by the Moderator
Then Voted to add one more Then chose
R L Wetherby who accepted the Office & was Sworn by the Moderator

Voted to Choose three Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing
Then by Nomination Chose Joseph W Leland
E B Bigelow & Winthrop Faulkner for Fence Viewers
for the Year Ensuing, who accepted the Office and
were duly Sworn by the Moderator -

Voted to Choose One Surveyor of Lumber for
the Year Ensuing, and by Nomination Chose
Calvin Clisbee Surveyor of Lumber who was duly
Sworn by the Moderator -

8th Took up the Eighth Article in the Warrant
The General School Committee having caused
their Annual Report to be Printed and distrib-
uted - it was Voted to accept it as Printed (See files)

9th " Took up the Ninth Article in the Warrant.
The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery made their
Annual Report which was accepted as follows.
"The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery would through their
Secretary present the following Report to the Town"

March 5th 1860 Amt in Treasury	$74.07
Received for Lots Sold	77 79
Total	$151.86
Paid for Painting Guide Boards and putting up Same	16 80
" " Mowing Brush	10 00
Labor on Paths, Avenues &c	66.25

(carried on)

Paid for Other Labor and Incidentals &c. $1.00

102.05

Balance in Treasury $49.81

Lewis Holbrook Treasurer

10th Took up the Ninth Article in the Warrant. —
The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery not being prepared to Report — it was Voted to pass over the Article —

21 Took up the twenty first Article in the Warrant and Voted to pass over the same —

22 Took up the twenty Second article in the Warrant Charles Brigham Esq. Submitted in writing the following Motion viz
That a Committee of Thirteen, be appointed by the Moderator of this Meeting; Tow from the center School District; Two from New England Village School District; and One from Each of the Other School Districts in Town. Whose duty it Shall be to take into Consideration all things in relation to Establishing a free Town Library in the Town of Grafton — To consult the Stockholders of the Lyceum and Farmers Libraries on the Propriety of Presenting Said Libraries to the Town on certain Conditions: and to recieve proposals (if any are made) from Said Stockholders = To See how large a Donation any Person or Persons will make to Said Library on Such conditions as may be proposed by Said Committee or Said Town —
To report the Sum of Money necessary for the Establish=
=ment of Such a Library — The place where —
The Manner in which it Shall be kept — and all the necessary plans for the action of the Town — at Some future Meeting held by Said Town within One Year from this Date =

The above motion by Charles Brigham Esq was put by the Moderator and carried in the Affirmation

The Moderator then in accordance with the foregoing Vote appointed the following persons to Constitute said Committee who were accepted by Vote of the Town — viz—

From District	No 1.	George K Nichols—	
"	"	"	Henry F Wing—
"	"	No 2	S P Champney
"	"	No 3	Lawson Munyan
"	"	No 4	Hollis Chamberlain
"	"	No 5	Wm F Wheeler—
"	"	No 6	Horace Batchelder
"	"	No 7	Charles Brigham—
"	"	No 8	J B Adams—
"	"	No 9.	L A Knowles
"	"	"	"	J H Smith—
"	"	No 10	G C Taft.
"	"	No 11	E B Knowlton

On Motion Voted to take up the 13th Article in the Warrant. Then Voted to reconsider so much of the Vote on this Article passed March fourth A D 1861 as relates to "a discount to be made to all persons who Shall Voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector on or before the fifteenth day of October next. —

On Motion of E B Bigelow it was Voted that a discount of five Percent be made to all persons who Shall Voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector On Or before the first day of September next. —

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Attest — James W White Town Clerk

Know all Men by these presents that We Salmon D Hall of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Principal and Samuel Harrington and Charles A Pierce both of Said Grafton as Sureties are holden and Stand firmly bound and Obliged unto the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the full and just Sum of Five Hundred Dollars to be paid unto the Said Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton its Successors or Assigns: To which payment well and truly to be made We bind Ourselves Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents Sealed with Our Seals.- Dated the twenty ninth day of March in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty One.

The condition of this Obligation is Such that whereas the Said Salmon D Hall has been Elected and Sworn as One of the Constables of Grafton for the Year Ensuing the first Monday of March Current.- Now if the Said Salmon D Hall Shall faithfully perform all of his duties as Such Constable in the Service of all civil processes which may be committed to him then this Obligation Shall be Void. Otherwise to remain in full force —

Executed in presence of
Geo K Nichols

S D Hall L S
Sam Harrington L S
C A Pierce L S

Accepted and Approved April 8th 1861 —

Jon[a] D Wheeler
H L Warren
Geo W Estabrook
A F Rice
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy Recorded at 8 h P M April 8th A D 1861
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

The following Persons were appointed to Office by the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at a meeting held for that purpose on the Eighth day of April A D 1861

Measurers of Wood and Bark

W D Wheeler Sworn April 10th 1861 by Town Clerk
C C Wood. Sworn April 22 1861 by James W White Town Clerk
J K Axtell
G C Taft declined Serving
Charles Fowler
James A Morse
H D Fisher
S A Knowles
L H Bigelow Sworn April 18th A D 1861 by J W White Town Clerk
S E Goulding
E J Leland
Benj Kingsbury

Sealers of Leather

Le W Dodge. Sworn April 10th 1861. by Town Clerk
Geo W Estabrook - Sworn April 8th by Town Clerk -

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Nathan Hancock Sworn April 20th 1861 By Town Clerk

Weighers of Coal

C D Aldrich Sworn April 11th 1861 by Town Clerk
C C Taft. Sworn May 16th 1861 by James W White Town Clerk
Sam Harrington
S A Knowles
James A Morse

Pound Keeper

Caleb Wood Sworn April 15th 1861 by James W White Town Clerk

Engineers

Luke F Allen
Silas Vinton
R E Warren
Wm T Baxter
Le M Sargent
S A Knowles
A W Rice
Alfred Morse
Geo W Crouch Jr
Walter Forehand
E J Leland
W D Wheeler

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the twenty ninth day of April current at two Oclock in the Afternoon to act on the following articles to wit -

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting -

2 To see if the Town will appropriate the Sum of Four thousand dollars more or less for the purpose of defraying the Expenses of Organizing a Company of Volunteer Militia and rendering such aid to the Families of those who Enlist as may be needed or act thereon -

3 To See if the Town will Authorize their Treasurer to borrow Money and act thereon -

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at Each of the Post Offices in the Town to Stand Ever two Sundays at least before the time of holding said Meeting - Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under Our hands this twentieth day of April in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty One -

Jon^{a} D Wheeler
H S Warin
Geo W Babcock
John McClellan
A W Rice
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss
April 20th A D 1861 I have this day served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the Post Offices in the town as therein directed - ~~H~~ S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A True Copy

~~H~~ James W White Town Clerk -

Grafton April 29th 1861

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Town Hall in said Grafton. at two Oclock P.M. pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and transacted the following busines viz- First By Ballot. chose I D Hall Moderator of said meeting (check List used) -

Prayer by Rev J M Rockwood -

Took up the Second article in the Warrant and On Motion of Charles Brigham amended on motion of John W Slocomb it was Voted that the Town Appropriate the Sum of four Thousand Dollars. So much of it to be used as may be necessary for the purpose of defraying the Expenses of Organizing a company of Volunteer Militia and rendering such aid to the families of those who Enlist as may be needed - The Vote on this motion was Unanimous --

On Motion of Winthrop Faulkner amended on motion of Charles Brigham - It was Unanimously Voted that the Town Pay the members of the Company of Volunteer Militia when Organized One Dollar Each for Each Military Drill preparatory to being called into Service by the Government of the Nation - and when So-Called into Service by the National Government. the Town will pay them the Same that the Government pays in addition thereto -

On Motion of A M Bigelow it was Voted to Raise a committee of thirteen to be nominated by the Moderator and Selectmen as follows viz Three from the Center of the Town - Two from New England Village Two from Farmers Ville - Two from Saunders Village and the remainder from the Other parts of the Town to have the general care and Oversight of all the affairs contemplated by or connected with the two preceding Votes -

The following Persons were nominated and unanimously Elected Said Committee - viz
A M Bigelow Winthrop Faulkner. R C Warren
C M Pratt. J S Nelson. Alfred Morse. & Levi
Rawson. Ebek Saunders. S P Champney. J B
Adams. Charles Brigham. Lawson Munyan and
Seth J Axtell -

Took up the third Article in the Warrant.
and On Motion Voted to Authorize the Treasurer to
borrow Money on the credit of the Town not to Exceed
four thousand dollars in Such Sums as may be
necessary to defray the Expenses incurred in carrying
into Effect all the Objects contemplated in or by
the foregoing Votes -

On Motion Voted. That the Committee chosen at
an informal meeting of the Inhabitants of the
Town of Grafton. held in the Town Hall in Said
Grafton. on Saturday the twentieth Inst. to procure
the Enlistment of a company of Volunteer Militia
continue in power. and proceed forthwith to procure
a Sufficient number of Enlistments to fill up the
company ---

Then Voted to dissolve this meeting -

~~Attest~~ James W White Town Clerk

Liquor Agents Appointment

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at a meeting held for that purpose on the thirteenth day of May A D 1861. did appoint Samuel Harrington of Said Grafton an agent for said town to purchase Intoxicating Liquors and to sell the same within. for and on account of Said Town of Grafton to be used in the Arts or for Medicinal. Chemical and Mechanical purposes and no Other for One Year from the first Monday in May aforesaid unless Sooner removed from Said Agency—

Now if the Said Samuel Harrington Shall in all respects conform to the provisions of Law relating to the business for which he is appointed. and to Such rules and regulations as now are or Shall from time to time be established by the Board of Selectmen making the appointment then this Appointment to remain in full force Otherwise to be Void—

The place for the Sale of "Liquors aforesaid to be in the "Green Store" So called now Occupied by Said Harrington in the center of Said town of Grafton— May 13th A D 1861

Jon^{a} D Wheeler
H S Warren
Geo W Estabrook
John McClellan
A W Rice

Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Liquor Agents Bond

Know all Men that we Samuel Harrington as principal and Charles A Pierce and Samuel C Flagg as Sureties are holden and Stand firmly bound to the inhabitants of the of the Town of Grafton in the Sum of Six Hundred Dollars to be paid unto them their Successors or Assigns to which payment we bind Ourselves Our Heirs Executors and Administrators Jointly and Severally firmly by these presents Sealed with Our Seals and dated this Thirteenth day of May AD 1861. The condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas the above bounden Samuel Harrington has bun duly appointed an Agent for the Town of Grafton to purchase intoxicating Liquors and to Sell the Same within for and On Account of Said Town to be used in the Arts or for Medicinal, Chemical and Mechanical purposes and no Other until the first Monday in May AD 1862 unless Sooner removed from Said Agency. Now if the Said Samuel Harrington Shall in all Respects conform to the provisions of Law relating to the Business for which he is appointed and to Such rules and regulations as now are or Shall from time to time be Established by the Board making the Appointment then This Obligation to be Void. Otherwise to remain in full force —

Executed in presence of
I D Hall
C C Kingsbury

Sam Harrington L S
C A Pierce L S
S C Flagg L S

Grafton May 13th 1861

To Rufus E Warren Esq

Whereas the Collector of Taxes for the year 1861. has notified the Selectmen that he Resigns as Collector. We hereby Appoint You Collector Protempore in place of James W White. Resigned

Jona D Wheeler
H S Warren
Geo. W Estabrook
John McClellan
A Mice
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy of Appointment by Selectmen -
James W White Town Clerk

Grafton May 28th A D 1861

Then the above named Rufus E Warren Personally appeared and signified his acceptance of the Office of Collector as aforesaid and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of said Office

Before me James W White Town Clerk

Know All Men by these presents that we Rufus E Warren of Grafton in the County of Worcester and commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal and Luke F Allen and Joseph B Adams of said Grafton as Sureties are holden and firmly bound to Said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorney in the Sum of fifteen thousand dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves and Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents — Sealed with Our Seals and dated this twenty Eighth day of May in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty One —

The condition of this Obligation is Such that.

Whereas. the Said Rufus E. Warren has been chosen Treasurer and Appointed Collector of Taxes for Said Town of Grafton for the current Year and has accepted those Offices and been duly Sworn to the discharge of their respective duties — Now. if the Said Rufus E Warren Shall as Treasurer and collector as aforesaid faithfully collect account for and pay Over all Taxes which he Shall be legally required to collect and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the Other Legal duties of the aforesaid Offices. then this Obligation Shall be void. Otherwise it Shall remain in full force and Virtue.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of Cyrus D Aldrich

Rufus E Warren L.S.
Luke F Allen L.S.
Joseph B Adams L.S.

Recieved and Approved July 6th 1861.

Jon.a D Wheeler
H S Warren
Geo W E Babcock
John McClellan
A W Rice

Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy Recieved July 6th 1861

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting-

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town hall in said Grafton on Monday the twentieth day of May current at three Oclock P M to act on the following Articles to wit -

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting-

" 2 To more clearly and definitely define the powers, duties and intentions of the Town, as regards the duties of the Committee of thirteen appointed at the last meeting -

" 3d To define the frequency number and duration of the drills of the Military company raised in this town or act thereon -

" 4th To define more definitely the pay to be allowed them by the Town while they are drilling and in active Service or act thereon -

" 5th To see if the Town will allow those belonging to Grafton who have or may enter the Service of the United States, while in active Service the same Sum as the Town pays those who join the company raised by Grafton; said Sum or Sums to be paid from the appropriation of four thousand dollars already made or act thereon -

" 6th To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow Money or act thereon as Petitioned for by A M Bigelow and others

Art. 7th To See if the Town will reconsider any votes passed at any previous meeting of the Town which may conflict with the action of this meeting

8th To See if the Town will make any Alteration in the time that Warrants for Town Meetings Shall Stand posted or act thereon. –

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at Each of the Post Offices in Said Town to Stand Over two Sundays at least before the time of holding Said Meeting –

Hereof fail not. and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under Our hands this ninth day of May in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty One.

Jon^a D Wheeler
H S Warren
Geo W Estabrook
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss.

May 20th 1861. I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy of the same at each of the Post Offices in the Town as therein directed

S D Hall Constable of Grafton –

A True Copy of Warrant and Return

James W White Town Clerk –

Grafton May 20th 1861.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town Affairs met at the Town Hall in Said Grafton pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and transacted the following business to wit.

1st By Ballot chose S D Hall Moderator of Said Meeting. the check List being used at his election –

over

A motion was made by Charles Brigham Esq. to take up the Second, Third, fourth and fifth Articles in the Warrant together. The Vote was taken in the usual manner by Yea and Nay, and declared by the Moderator in the Negative. the Vote was doubted. the house divided. those in favor of taking up the four articles mention in the motion being on the South Side of the Hall and those opposed to taking them up together being on the North Side of the Hall. The Voters present were then counted by the Selectmen who reported that there were Seventy Six on the South Side of the Hall in favor of the motion and forty three on the North Side of the Hall opposed to the motion. The motion was then declared carried in the Affirmative —

Charles Brigham Esq. Submitted the following Motion in writing. Viz

"That the Town do more clearly and definitely define their intentions and meaning of the Vote passed under a Warrant as a Legal meeting held by Said Town on the 29th day of April A.D 1861 under the 2d Article of Said Warrant in relation to the duties of a committee of thirteen appointed at Said Meeting. by Authorizing them to do and to act in relation to Said 2d Article and the 2d — 3d — 4th & 5th articles of the Warrant now before the Town for their action as follows to wit" —

"That the Said Committee of thirteen chosen at the Last meeting of the Town be authorized to procure Suitable clothing for the Military Company now Organizied in this Town: and to See that Each Soldier is provided with all necessaries not furnished by the State, at the Expense of the Town before going into the Service of the National Government" —

"Also. that this committee have the disbursing of the four thousand dollars. already appropriated by the Town. And any additional appropriation which may be made. in Such manner as in their

judgement may best Serve the interest of the Company and their Families and the Families of Others belonging to Grafton who have enlisted into Other Companies and are now. or may hereafter enter the Service of the National Government.— "And that they determine the Frequency— Number and duration of the Military Drills of Said Company"— "And if any number of the Military Company aforesaid having a Family, and being called into the Service of the National Government. Should be killed. or Should Sicken and die while in Said Service. the Town will continue the Same pay to his Family which he recieved from the town during the time of his Enlistment— or during the continuance of the war. if the war Should not continue So long as the time of his Enlistment"— "Also that the Committe be instructed to keep a complete and detailed account of all their Expenditures. for what. when and to whom paid: and also a list of the names. of the members of the Company who may be called into the Service of the National Government"—

After Some discussion upon the motion L. M Sargent moved to amend the motion by Striking out So much of it as authorizes the Committee of thirteen to determine the frequency. number and duration of the Military Drills of Said Company—

The question being put. on the amendment was carried in the affirmative— The Motion as amended was laid upon the Table.—

On Motion Voted that the Military Company have three Drills this week including the one already had today.

Took up the Sixth article in the warrant Charles Brigham Esq. Submitted in writing the following Motion— "That the Vote passed at the last Meeting of the Town authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money be reconsidered. and that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money as the

necessity of the Town requires not exceeding four thousand Dollars —

On Motion it was voted to divide the motion offered and to lay that part which relates to reconsidering the vote passed at the last meeting authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money on the Table. A motion was then made to adopt the second part of the motion offered by Charles Brigham Authorizeing the Treasurer to borrow Money — which after some remarks was withdrawn. and it was then voted to pass over the Sixth article in the warrant for the present.

Took up the Seventh article in the warrant and on Motion voted to take from the Table that part of the motion of offered by Charles Brigham which relates to reconsidering the vote passed at the last meeting. and on Motion voted that the vote passed at the Last meeting of the Town Authorizeing the Treasurer to borrow Money be reconsidered —

Took up the Sixth article in the Warrant and voted. That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money as the necessity of the Town requires not Exceeding four thousand dollars —

A M Bigelow. Chairman of the Committee of thirteen chosen at the last meeting of the Town to have the general care and oversight of Matters connected with the Organization of a Military Company in Grafton. here Stated to the Town that he was authorized by that Committee to request that they be discharged from further service as such committee. —

After Some remarks and without any action by the Town on the request of the Committee it was Moved and voted to take up the third article in the warrant. =

Then voted to reconsider the vote whereby the Town "voted that the Military Company have three drills this week including the one already had this day" —

The first Motion offered by Charles Brigham Esq which had been laid upon the Table was taken up. and. On Motion it was voted to reinsert that portion of the motion which was stricken out by the amendment offered by J M Sargent.- Then on Motion voted to adopt the motion entire as first Offered by Mr Brigham--

Took up the Eighth article in the Warrant, and On Motion Voted. that hereafter. Copies of Warrants for all Town Meetings. for the Election of National. State. County. District or Town Officers. and for the Transaction of any busines that may legally come before the Town. Shall Stand Posted Seven days at least before the time for holding the Meeting instead of "Over two Sundays" or "ten days" as now required. unless Otherwise provided for by Law.

Took up the Seventh Article in the warrant and on Motion. Voted that all votes heretofore passed by the Town requiring Copies of Warrants for Town Meetings to Stand more than Seven days are hereby Reconsidered. meaning hereby to reind and render null and void all such votes -

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the twenty seventh day of May current at three Oclock P M at the Town Hall -

James M White Town Clerk

Grafton May 27th 1861

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton pursuant to adjournment from the twentieth Inst and transacted the following busines viz

1st The Record of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Town were read and Approved --

2d An Act in aid of the families of Volunteers and for Other purposes Passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts and Approved by the Governor May 23 1861 was Read -

3 On Motion Voted that the Selectmen together with the Committee of thirteen chosen on the twenty ninth day of April now last past to have the general care and Oversight of the Military affairs in Grafton be a committee to make "Strenuous Efforts" to get the Company of Volunteer Militia now Organized in Grafton to Camp as soon as may be Immediately

4th On Motion Voted that all Votes passed at the last meeting of the Town under the Second, Third Fourth and fifth Articles in the Warrant which Conflict with the aforesaid act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, - are hereby reconsidered -

5th Voted to dissolve this meeting -

James W White Town Clerk

To James W White Esq. Town Clerk

We the Assessors of the Town of Grafton have determined that the Estates of the following Nonresidents Shall be Taxed in School District Number One for School District purposes. viz

Names	Place of Residence
Lovel Baker	Worcester
Mrs Sarah E Brigham	New York
Otis Convers	
C W Forbush	Boston
Levi Green	Worcester
J C Bennett	do
John J Power	do
Heirs of Wm Brown	Sutton
David Holdsworth	Northbridge

Grafton July 15th 1861.

J H Wood
Robert Mowry
Lawson Munyan
} Assessors of Grafton

A True Copy Attest

Received July 19th A D 1861
James W White Town Clerk

Agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of the Town of Shrewsbury to perambulate the line between the towns of Shrewsbury and Grafton. the Subscribers met this day for that purpose at the Stone Monument. on the Northerly line of said Grafton at the point Separating Shrewsbury and Westboro. - and thence proceeded to Examine the Several Monuments Erected at the Angles in the line between said towns. — And we hereby certify that we find said Monuments in good condition. and have made all necessary renewal and Marks pertaining to the same -

Dated at Shrewsbury the 17th day of September A D 1861

Levi J Hemmingway
F A Sawyer
} Selectmen of Shrewsbury

Jon'a D Wheler
A W Rice
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy Attest
Received October 7th A D 1861
James W White Town Clerk. Grafton

The Undersigned Selectmen of Westboro. and Grafton having agreeable to notice from the Selectmen of Westboro. (being the most Ancient Town) to the Selectmen of Grafton have on this Eighteenth day of September A D One thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty One. met for the purpose of Perambulating and running the lines renewing the marks upon and Erecting new Monuments where necessary between said Towns as provided and required by Chapter 18th of the revised Statutes. and Chapter 84th of the General Laws of the Year 1861 having discharged that duty. make the following Report. Viz -

Commencing at a Stone Monument at the intersection of Town Lines of Westboro. Shrewsbury and Grafton. thence S. 45° E. 31 Rods. thence S. 21½ W. 70 Rods to a Monument near Kimball Hill - thence S. 28½ E 38 rods. thence S. 8½ E 18 rods - thence S 15½° W. 20 rods - thence S. 51¼° E 33 rods - thence N. 88¾ E. 352 rods.

thence S. 1° W. 163 rods to a Monument at the intersection of of lines of the towns of Westboro. Grafton and Upton.-

And at the croping of Each Highway by Said town lines we have erected Stone Monuments with the initials of Each of Our Said towns cut upon the same -

B B Nourse } Selectmen of
S B Howe } Westboro -

Jon^a D Wheeler } Selectmen of
A W Rice } Grafton -

A True Copy Received October 7th A D 1861
Attest
James W White Town Clerk

Agreeable to Notice from the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton to perambulate the Line between the Towns of Grafton and Millbury the Subscribers met this day for that purpose at the Stone Monument at the corner near the House of Lewis Holbrook, and proceeded thence to Survey the line and Examine the Monuments Erected at the Several Angles in the line between Said Towns. And to Erect Monuments at the croping of the Several Roads leading from One Town to the Other -

Grafton November 22 1861

John McClellan } Selectmen of
H I Warren } Grafton

S B Poland } Selectmen
J E Waters } of
D T March } Millbury

A True Copy Received January 8th A D 1862
Attest
James W White } Town Clerk
of Grafton

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts— You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the fifth day of November next at nine Oclock in the forenoon. It being the Tuesday next after the first monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor. Lieutanant Governor. Secretary, Treasurer and reciever General. Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and for a Senator for the East Worcester District; Also to bring in their votes for a Councillor for District Number Six for the year ensuing— Also to bring in their votes for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester; Also to bring in their votes for a Treasurer for the County of Worcester; Also to bring in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester Also to bring in their votes for a Clerk of the Courts for the County of Worcester. And to choose a Representative to Represent the Seventeenth District in Worcester County in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.—

The votes for all the above Officers will be recieved Open and Unfolded on One Ballot or in Sealed Envelopes on Separate Ballots, as may best Suit the Voters. Each vote to Specify the Officer voted for—

The Polls will be Opened to recieve the votes for the above Officers at ten Oclock in the forenoon and closed at three Oclock in the afternoon on said day—

You are Also directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on tuesday the fifth day of November next at two Oclock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles viz

(1st)

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting.

Art 2d To See if the Town will grant permission to the Catholic congregation in Said Town to open a Burial Ground about One mile from the Billage in the center of the Town on the road leading from Said Billage to Millbury - Said Lot contains about five Acres and is on the north Side of the Road. and was recently Owned by Mr Otis Converse - as petitioned for by Jn.o J Power Paston of Said Congregation -

Art 3. To See if the Town will instruct their Treasurer to collect the E Singletary Note and loan the proceeds to the Government of the United States for one or more of their Treasury Notes bearing 7 3/10 percent. interest or Act thereon.

Art 4 To See if the Town will Authorize their Treasurer to transfer or Assign the Emory Singletary Note and Mortgage to any individual or corporation or discharge the Mortgage in the Registry of Deeds upon the payment of the Note, as petitioned for by Chas B Wood and Others - -

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of Said Town. And at the Post Offices in New England Billage Farnumsville and Saunders Billage ten days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting -

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid -

Given Under Our hands this twenty first day of October in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty One.

Jon.a D Wheeler
H S Warren
Geo W Estabrook
John McClellan
A W Rice

Selectmen of Grafton

(over)

Worcester } November 5th A D 1861.

I have Served the foregoing Warrant. by posting up an Attested copy of the Same at the Post Office in the Center of the Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnumsville and Saunders Village Ten days. before the time of meting as therein directed -

S D Hall. Constable of Grafton

A True Copy of Warrant and Return

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton November 5th A D 1861

At a meting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs. held in the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Tuesday the fifth day of November A D 1861. it being the Tuesday next after the first monday in Said month for the purpose of bringing in their votes to the Selectmen for the Several Officers Specified in the foregoing Warrant. - The Polls were Opened were Opened to receive the votes for the Said at ten Oclock. A.M. on Said day. The votes having been all given in at three Oclock P.M. on Said day the Polls were closed. according to notice given in Said Warrant. there being no objection made to the Same by any voter present. -

The votes having been Sorted and counted were found to be for the following Persons and in numbers following. to wit -

The whole number of votes for Governor was three hundred fifty Six 356

John A Andrew of Boston had two hundred and forty Seven votes 247

Isaac Davis of Worcester had One hundred and nine votes - 109

The Whole Number of Votes for Lieutenant Governor was three hundred fifty six 356

John Nesmith of Lowell, had two hundred forty seven Votes. 247

Edwin C Bailey of Boston had One hundred and nine Votes. 109

The Whole Number of Votes for Secretary of the Commonwealth was three hundred fifty six 356

Oliver Warner of Northampton had two hundred forty Seven Votes. 247

Frederick O Prince of Winchester had One hundred and nine Votes. 109

The Whole Number of Votes for Treasurer was three hundred fifty Six. 356

Henry K Oliver of Salem had two hundred forty Eight Votes 248

Emory Sanford of Oxford had One hundred and Eight Votes. 108

The Whole Number of Votes for Auditor of Accounts was three hundred fifty six 356

Levi Reed of Abbington had two hundred and forty Seven Votes 247

Moses Bates of Plymouth had One hundred and nine Votes 109

The Whole Number of Votes for Attorney General was three hundred fifty six 356-

Dwight Foster of Worcester had two hundred forty nine Votes. 249-

Edward Avery of Braintree had One hundred Seven Votes- 107.

The Whole Number of Votes for Senator for the East Worcester District was three hundred fifty six 356

Charles G Stevens of Clinton had two hundred forty Seven Votes- 247

Otis F Vinton of Westboro had One hundred and nine Votes- 109-

The Whole Number of Votes for Councillor for District Number Six was two hundred forty Eight 248

James Ritchie of Roxbury had two hundred forty Seven Votes 247

Madison A Balcom of Grafton had one vote 1

The Whole Number of Votes for County Commissioner was three hundred fifty four 354

J Warren Bigelow of Rutland had two hundred forty six Votes 246-

William Bennett Jr of Hubbardston had One hundred Eight Votes 108

The Whole Number of Votes for County Treasurer was three hundred fifty Six 356

up

Anthony Chase of Worcester had two hundred forty nine Votes. 249

Emory Banister of Worcester had One hundred Seven Votes- 107

The Whole Number of Votes for Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester was three hundred fifty six 356

Alexander H. Wilder of Worcester. had two hundred forty Eight Votes 248

A- H Wilder of Worcester. had One hundred Eight Votes 108

The Whole Number of Votes for Clerk of the Courts for the County of Worcester was three hundred fifty Six 356

Joseph Mason of Worcester. had three hundred fifty Six Votes 356-

The Whole number of Votes for a Representative to represent the Seventeenth District in Worcester County in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. was three hundred Sixty Six- 366.

J M Rockwood had one Vote. 1

J H Wood of Grafton had One hundred Sixty Votes 160

Seth J Axtell of Grafton had two hundred Five Votes 205

and was Elected - The Votes having been received Sorted. Counted, Recorded, declared and the returns of the Same made Out. Signed by the Selectmen and Town Clerk and Sealed up in Open Town Meeting it was on motion Voted that this Meeting be dissolved

A True Record

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton November 5th A D 1861-

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs. held in the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Tuesday the fifth day of November A D 1861 at two Oclock P M in the afternoon the following proceedings were had viz-

1st By Ballot chose John McClellan Moderator-

2 Took up the Second article in the Warrant and on motion voted that the Town grant permission to the Catholic Congregation in Said Town. to Open a Burial Ground. about One Mile from the Village in the Center of the Town on the Road leading from Said Village to Millbury- Said Lot containing about five Acres and is on the North Side of Said Road and was recently Owned by Mr Otis Converse- in accordance with the Petition of Jno J Power. Pastor of Said Congregation- as Set forth in the Second article of the Warrant for Said Meeting-

3 Took up the third article in the Warrant. a Motion was made to pass Over the article- The Vote was put by Yea & Nay. and carried in the negative-

It was then on Motion Voted that the Town instruct their Treasurer to collect. the "E. Singletary Note" as soon as may be. and as soon as the money is recieved to loan the Same to the United States Government for One of their Treasury Notes- bearing Seven and three tenths per cent Interest-

4 Took up the fourth article in the Warrant. and On Motion Voted to Authorize the Treasurer to transfer or Assign the Emory Singletary Note and Mortgage. or discharge the Mortgage in the Registry of Deeds upon the payment of the Note as contemplated by the Article

A True Record

~~Attest~~ James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts— You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the third day of March next at nine Oclock A M. to act on the following articles to wit—

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting—

" 2d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing—

" 3 To hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon—

" 4th To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer and act thereon—

" 5th To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and act thereon—

" 6th To hear the Report of the Collector of Taxes and act thereon—

" 7th To hear the Report of the Engineers and act thereon—

" 8th To hear the Report of the General School Committee and act thereon—

" 9th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery and act thereon—

" 10th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery and act thereon—

" 11th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year—

" 12th To Raise Such Sum of Money as may be necessary to defray town charges the Ensuing Year and make appropriations of the Same and act thereon—

Art. 13th To See what discount the Town will make to those persons who Shall Voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within Such periods of time as the Town Shall direct. and determine when all Taxes Shall be collected and paid into the Treasury. and fix the compensation of the Collector and act thereon -

" 14th To See what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the Dead the Ensuing Year and Act thereon -

" 15th To See What compensation the Town will Allow Firemen for the Year Ensuing and Act thereon -

" 16th To See if the Town will Authorize the Prudential Committees in the Several School Districts to Employ the School Teachers in their Respective Districts or Act thereon -

" 17 To See if the Town will accept the "List of Names" prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box or act thereon -

" 18th To determine the place within the Town where the High School Shall be kept the Ensuing Year

" 19th To See if the Town will cause one of the Church Bells in the center of the Town to be rung at twelve Oclock M - and at nine Oclock P M. or act thereon

" 20th To See if the Town will make a new division of their School money or act thereon -

" 21st To See if the Town will Authorize their Treasurer to borrow Money for the use of the Town or act thereon

" 22 To hear the Report of any Out Standing Committee and Act thereon -

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New-England Village, Farnums Ville, and Saunders Village to Stand Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting-

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid-

Given Under Our hands this Seventeenth day of February in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty two-

Jon^{a} D Wheeler
H S Warren
Geo. W Estabrook
John McClellan
A W Rice
} Selectmen of Grafton-

Worcester ss.

March 3^{d} 1862. I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up a printed and attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of the Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saunders Village Seven days before the time for holding said meeting--

S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A True Copy

James W White Town Clerk

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Town affairs. Met at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the third day of March A D 1862 pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and transacted the following business viz—

1st By Ballot chose. I D Hall Moderator to preside in Said Meeting— Prayer By Rev E W Virgin

2d Took up the Second article in the Warrant, and on Motion it was Voted that we choose a Town Clerk. five Selectmen. three Assessors. a Town Treasurer. Three Overseers of the Poor. Two General School Committee. one for three years and One for One year. One Trustee of Riverside Cemetery. and five Constables. and that the Votes for all of Said Officers be brought in on One Ballot. —

Then by Ballot chose James W White Town Clerk Who was immediately Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by I D Hall Moderator

By Ballot chose Jon^{a} D Wheeler John McClellan Ashley W. Rice Joseph B Adams. and Cyrus D Aldrich. Selectmen for the Year Ensuing. who severally came forward and were duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office by I D Hall Moderator

By Ballot chose
Robert Mowry Sworn April 7th 1862. by James W White Town Clerk
Lawson Munyan Sworn April 7th 1862. by James W White Town Clerk
Winthrop Faulkner Sworn April 7th 1862 by J W White Town Clerk
Assessors. for the Year Ensuing—

By Ballot. chose
Horace S Warren
Treasurer for the Year ensuing— who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office March 6th 1862 by James W White Town Clerk

By Ballot chose Jonas H Allen. Samuel Harrington 2d
Stephen R White. Overseers of the Poor for the Year Ensuing
who were Severally Sworn to the faithful discharge of the
duties of their Office by James W White Town Clerk—

By Ballot chose. William F Wheeler for three Years and
C. C Wood for one Year — General School Committee—

By Ballot chose. Luke. F Allen. Trustee of Riverside
Cemetary. —

By Ballot chose
S D Hall Sworn March 3d 1862 by James W White Town Clerk
George W Crombie
Barnabas Newton. Sworn March 8th 1862. by James W White Town Clerk
L M Sargent
Charles Fowler Sworn March. 29th 1862 by James W White Town Clerk

Constables for the Year Ensuing.

Voted to pass over the Second Article for the present—

Took up the third article in the warrant. which was
"to hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon"

The Selectmen having prepared their Report
and caused the Same to be printed and distributed
it was voted to accept the Same as printed which was
as follows viz—

Report of the Selectmen.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton.

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the
close of their Official duties for the Year Ending March 3 1862
Submit the following Report of the Condition of the Town
viz—

They have Settled with Rufus E Warren Treasurer
of said Town and find his account correct and
as follows—

over

1861

Dr.

March 4	To cash on hand as per last Report	129	4 01	
" 4	" Dividend on Grafton Manufacturing Company	12	13	
" 4	" cash on account of Shepard Cooper	3	00	
May 20	" Proceeds of Note to Winthrop Faulkner May 20 '61 on demand	100	00	
June 11	" Proceeds of Note to Allen & Flagg June 11 '61 on demand	100	00	
Dec 21	" Amount of E Singletary Note dated March 2. 1835	100	00	
	" Interest on Same to date	108	00	
	" Interest on interest on Same	10	11	
	" License for Auctioneer	2	00	
	" Recieved of State Treasurer for State Paupers	2	50	
	" Recieved of State Treasures for School Fund for 1861	172	18	
	" Received for Dog Licenses	65	60	
1862. Jan 1.	" Proceeds of Note to Mechanics Savings Bank. Jan 1st 1862	200	00	
	" Interest on U S Treas Note for 1000 $ to Feb 19th '62	3	650	
	" Taxes collected 1860	11	121	
	" " " 1861	115	625	
	" Recieved of S R White	17	00	
	" Balance to Treas Credit in New Co A	178	1 12	20211 61

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By Paid	Geo W Estabrook	Dist No	1	72	724
" "	William Prentiss	"	2	165	65
" "	Otis C Fay	"	3	169	69
" "	E F Chamberlain	"	4	173	73
" "	Geo F Jourdan	"	5	161	61
" "	J G Hall	"	6	40	403
" "	T L Jacobs	"	7	161	60
" "	C C Dalrymple	"	8	161	60
" "	David Chase	"	9	63	028
" "	Charles Fowler	"	10	30	706
" "	Warren Campbell	"	11	169	69 3232 18

Districts No 4 No 5 No 7 Common Schools 1860					235 64
Paid D B Hubbard Teacher - High School		244	50		
" " C G Paine " " "		345	60		
" " Miss Ellen Bisco " " "		186	00		
" " Rent for Building for " "		92	17		
" " Fuel " " "		30	82		
" " for taking care of Room "		27	25	926	34
By Paid T C Bisco Services as General School Committee	1860	48	00		
" " J M Rockwood Services as General School Committee	1860	58	56		
" " William Miller Services as General School Committee	1860	31	50	138	06
" " William Miller for School Books				138	53
" " Jon^a Warren Repairing Roads Dist No 1		366	87		
" " Jos Adams 2^d for Repairing Roads Dist No 2		91	08		
" " Lewis H Bigelow for Repairing Roads Dist No 3		208	84		
" " John McClellan for Repairing Roads Dist No 4		155	68		
" " Alfred Mouse for Repairing Roads Dist No 5.		131	71		
" " Silas E Stow for Repairing Roads Dist No 6		55	68	1011	86
" " Sundry Persons for Breaking Roads and Shoveling Snow.				551	13
" " Railing Highway near Wilkinsonville				9	38
" " Repairs on Bridges				26	93
" " New Stone Bridge near the House of John Daniels				490	31
" " R E Warren Chief Engineer of Fire Department				875	00
" " State Lunatic Hospital for Susan L Wheelock		147	37		
" " " " " for Mary Cosser		95	00		
" " Expense of Carrying Mary Cosser to Hospital		3	75	246	12
" " L F Allen Overseer of the Poor.	1860.			372	94
" " S Harrington " " " "	1861			836	27
" " J H Wood. Services as Assessor		78	00		
" " Robert Mowry " " "		63	25		
" " Lawson Munyan " "		57	00	198	25

By Paid for Books and Stationary			
for Assessors	31 94		
" " Printing Assessors Records	50 00	81	94
" " for Printing Warrants Records	60 76	60	76
" " Books & Stationary Stamps & Records		30	17
" " Recording Valuation		36	00
" " Copying Proprietors Records		36	00
" " J W White for Express — Writing for Selectmen &c.		37	43
" " Services of Selectmen for 1860		159	00
" " Fuel and Light for Office		15	33
" " Ringing Bell and care of Town Hall for 1860	25 00		
" " T. Benson in part 1861	10 00	35	00
" " Wood and Cutting		8	50
" " Repairs on Town Hall		3	15
" " Lamps for Town Hall		6	75
" " Recording Marriages. Births & Deaths		40	20
" " Posting Warrants		10	00
" " Notifying Town Officers of their Election		6	00
" " Collecting Taxes		60	68
" " Rent of Office		40	00
" " Special Constables		41	00
" " Digging Well and work About Engine House No 3		24	37
" " Repairs on Hook and Ladder House		1	00
" " Mowing Old Burying Ground		5	00
" " Repairing Gate and Wall		3	25
" Paid Military Committee of 13 A M Bigelow Chairman		267	46
" " Families of Volunteers for Aid as per Statement Annexed		271	80
" Geo W Estabrook. Services for paying Families as above		24	00
" H Fernald Expenses to Poolsville		3	00
" Uniting Town Hall for Military Co		11	00
" Warren Hall for Military Lecture		5	00
" R L Wetherby for Cleaning Uniforms		1	60

Expense of Recruiting Co G			4 85	548 71
Paid Estate of C B Jencks his Services as Sexton	14	55		
" N G Whitney his Services as Sexton	35	00		
" Charles Daniels " " " "	70	20		
" Josiah Hall " " " "	5	20	124	95
" Surveying and Monuments on Lines of Millbury and Westborough			16	62
" Interest on Note to State Treasurer to Sept 15. 1861	93	50		
" Interest on Note to W Faulkner to Nov 20th 1861	30	00		
" Interest on Note to Flagg & Allen to Dec 11 1861	30	00		
" Interest on Sundry Sums Borrowed	104	11	257	61
Purchased on 23d Dec. 1861 United States Treasury Note Dated August 19th 1861 bearing interest at 7 3/10 per cent.	1000	00		
Interest Accrued on Same	25	20	1025	20
Paid County Tax	2542	69	2542	69
" State Tax	651	00	651	00
" Insurance on Town Farm Buildings and Property	21	00	21	00
" William F Slocum for Professional Services	2	00	2	00
" 1 Set Dry Measures for Town Sealer	1	25	1	25
" Assessors Orders for Abatement of Taxes	49	09	49	09
1862			20211	61
March 3. By Balance Amount Overpaid			1781	12

Resources of the Town

Uncollected Taxes for 1860 in hands of Collector	169	43
Uncollected Taxes (R E Warren Collector) for 1861	1292	35
United States Treasury Note bearing interest at 7 3/10 per cent	1000	00
Town Farm and Buildings thereon	6000	00
Personal Property belonging to Farm	230	67
Three Fire Engines and Fixtures	341	00
Three Engine Houses Hook & Ladder House and Land	2350	00
Hook and Ladder Carriage and Apparatus	425	00
Towns Safe and Office Fixtures	360	00
Balance in hands of Liquor Agent	218	36
Due from Shepard Cooper	98	75
Amount to be reimbursed from State	2399	51
	20031	67

Liabilities of the Town

Due Rufus E Warren Treasurer for 1861	1781	12	
" Treasurers Note to Stat Treasurer	1500	00	
" Interest on Note to Stat Treasurer	41	50	
" Treasurer's Note to Winthrop Faulkner	1000	00	
" Interest on Note to Winthrop Faulkner	16	83	
" Treasurers Note to Allen & Flagg	1000	00	
" Interest on Note to Allen & Flagg	13	33	
" Treasurers Note to Mech. Savings Bank	2000	00	
" Interest On Note to Mech Savings Bank	21	00	
" Subject to draft for High School	470	01	7843 17

At the following named places Guide Boards. are Erected and maintained within the Town as follows:-

At the corner of the Roads near Warren Block- near J D Wheeler's- near S H Allens- near William Wallace's- near S H Allens. Barn- northerly of the residence of Frederick Waterman- near the Indian burying ground- near Farnumsville School House.- near the Store of A Morse- near Jefferson Bellows- near Farnumsville Depot.- near Nelson Ferys.- near Austin Holbrook's- near H T Eddys- near Saunder's Store- near J McClellan's near the House known as Bush Tavern- near Charles Daniels's- at Each of the corners northerly of the Old burying ground- near Quinsigamond House New England Village. near H B Fairbanks's- near Widow C T Fay's near House on Town Farm. near Meeting House in New England Village- near J W Fishmans- northerly of the House of James Houghton- near Waterville School House- near Joseph Kimballs at two places between the two last named places. near Widow H J Pratts near Calvin Clesbee's- on the Barn of B W Fay- near L N Lelands.- westerly of George Dennis. near William A Fiskes'- near Jonathan Sibleys. and near Joseph Bruces

All of which is respectfully submitted

A True Copy
Attest James W White
Town Clerk

Jon^{a} D Wheeler
H S Warren
Geo W Estabrook
John McClellan
A W Rice
Selectmen of Grafton

Book 4th
Act 4th

Treasurer's Report accepted as printed as follows

1861 Town of Grafton in Account with Rufus E Warren Treasurer

Sept 15 To

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	To Interest on Note to Said Treasurer to Sept. 15th		13	50	
Nov 20	" Interest on W Faulkners Note of 1000$ May 20th 61 to Nov 20		30	00	
Dec 11	" Interest on Allen & Flagg's Note of 1000$ June 11th 61 to Dec 11		30	00	
" 21	" Interest on Sundry Sums borrowed		104	11	257 61
" 23	" Purchased U S Treasury Note dated Aug 19 1861 bearing Interest at 7 3/10 per cent		1000	00	
" "	" Interest Accrued on Same		25	20	1025 20
" "	" William F Slocum for Professional Services				2 00
" "	" State Tax paid Dec 9th				651 00
" "	" County Tax				2542 69
" "	" 1 Set Dry measures for Town Sealer				1 25
	" Insurance. Town Farm House 1750$ Barn 1200$ Furniture. Grain 300$ Hay & Grain in Barn 400$ live Stock carriages and Harnesses 400$				21 00
	To paid Selectmens Orders				15,661 77
	" " Assessors Orders for Abatement of Taxes				49 09
					$ 20,211 61

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1861 March 4th	By Cash on hand as per last Report	1294	01	
	" Dividend on Grafton Manuf. Co. Estate	12	13	
	" Cash on Account of Shepard Cooper	3	00	
	By proceeds of Note to Winthrop Faulkner May 20th 1861 on demand	1000	00	
	" proceeds of Note to Allen & Flagg June 11th 1861 on demand	1000	00	
	" Amount of Esingletary Note dated March 2 1835. Collected December 21st 1861.	1000	00	
	" Interest on Same	108	00	
	" Interest on interest on Same	10	11	
	" License for Auctioneer	2	00	
	" State Treasury for State Paupers-	2	50	
	" State Treasury for School Fund for 1861	172	18	
	" Town Clerk for Dog Licenses	65	60	
	" Proceeds of Note to Mechanics Saving Bank dated January 8th 1862	2000	00	

(over)

By Interest on United States Treasury Note for 1000$ to February 19th 1862	36	50	
" Taxes collected for 1860	111	21	
" Taxes collected for 1861	1159	25	
" Cash Received of S R White	17	00	
" Balance to Debit of Town on New Account	1781	12	2021 01

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted

Rufus E Warren Treasurer

A true Copy Attest James M White Town Clerk

Took up the 5th Article in the Warrant.

The Report of the Overseers of the Poor was accepted as printed. which was as follows- viz

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Grafton respectfully present to the Inhabitants of said Town their Annual Report of the cost of Supporting the Poor. from March 1st 1861. to March 1st 1862 -

Amount of Personal Property on hand March 1st 1861 as per inventory	2534	13	
Interest On Real Estate	360	00	
Agents Salary	281	00	
Labor Exclusive of Agents Salary	266	34	
Expense on Farm for Stock	379	00	
Expenses on Farm for Boarding Clothing Medical attendance &c.	309	07	
Services of Overseers-	60	00	4209 34
Amount of Personal Property on hand March 1st 1862 as per Inventory	2300	67	
Amount of Produce Sold	995	63	
Extra Expenses for improvements	25	00	3321 30
Leaving a Balance for Supporting the Poor on Farm			$888 24

Whole number Supported or assisted on the Farm the past Year 415. Whole number of weeks 259. Average cost per week $3.43

(carried off)

Cost of Supporting the Paupers off the Farm the last Year

Mrs Morgan Redman	5	38
Andrew Rivers and Family	8	58
Sally Phillips	35	78
Lucinda Colwell	49	08
Adolphus Howe and Family	34	28
N B Temple	5	72
C C Turner.	3	12
Paul Brew and Family	6	58
Thomas J Paine and Family	8	77
Alexander Orr and Family	3	40
Peter Snow Expenses and Funeral Charges	12	65
Mrs Daniel McCuddy	2	42
Austin Putnam and Family	38	52
Mrs Eliza Gates	6	75
Mrs Deborah Warren	36	00
Eliza Flagg	9	00
Nancy Batchelder	6	00
Nancy Tourtellotte	73	08
S Jane Stockwell	40	00
Charles L Sherman	52	00
John Aldrich .	5	00
Robert Creighton	3	00
Jackson Harrington and Family	8	50
Georgd Moore's bill 1860	3	14
Ann Batchelder	33	00
Chas Clapp	11	50
J Jerome	1	39
Peter Lepont	5	94
Lucien N Pratt	18	21
Wm H Fisher and Family	31	43
Wm P Gifford and Family	32	00
Chandler B Aldrich	4	63
Expenses of J H Allen for Journey to Lancaster and Shirley to Examine Records.	5	00
Expenses of J H Allen for Journey to Leominster to Examine Records	5	00

(over)

Expenses of J H Allen for journey to Palmer and Sturbridge to Examine Records	6 50		
Expenses of S Harrington for journey to North Bridgewater	2 80		
Expenses of S Harrington for journey to Worcester and paying Register	2 33		
Expenses paid H Coggswell and Geo W Crompt for keeping Transient Paupers.	1 38	623	84
Refunded from the following Towns-			
Belchertown. for Lucinda Caldwell	49 08		
Sturbridge " Austin Putnam	38 52		
Lancaster " Nancy Tourtellott	73 08		
Northbridge " Chandler B Aldrich	4 63		
Holden " Charles Clapp	11 50		
Barre " Lucien N Pratt	18 21		
Danvers " Wm P Gifford	32 00	227	02
		396	82
Due from the Town of Palmer	31 43		
" " " State	22 50	53	93
Balance for Supporting Paupers off the Farm the present Year		342	89
Total Expense for Supporting Paupers the past Year		1231	13

Before closing Our Report we would say that all Bills due for the Support of Paupers. together with the Agents Salary to March 1st 1862 are paid -

We feel that Our Pauper Establishment is in very good condition - We have but four resident Paupers. at the Farm Viz Mr Jacob Marble. Danie Prentice. Larned Leland and Otis Daniels - all aged and infirm. not able to perform much labor yet all are apparently satisfied and contented -

The Overseers have contracted with Mr Stockwell and Wife to remain for One Year from the first day of April. next. agreeing to pay them $281.00 Mr Stockwell to furnish at his Own Expense all additional help in the house. The Overseers are aware that they might have Obtained the Services of an Agent at a much less price. but they think it is not the wish

of the Town to Support their poor in the cheapest and most nigardly manner. but they take pride and Satisfaction in Knowing that their Unfortunate poor. have a comfortable home. where they will be kindly treated and well provided for.

We feel that Such a home will continue under the management of Mr Stockwell and his Excellent Wife. We anticipate the inquiry which most likely will be made. Why it has cost So much to Support Our poor at the Town Farm

In answer we will Say that. Owing to the depreciation of property we have lost Some $250,00 on Our Inventory of this Year. Also a Wagon Harness and Buffalo robe worth Some $25,00 were Stolen from the Town Barn during the past Year. Besides Our Agent On the Farm received for produce Sold $2600 in Bills of the Sanford Bank. Maine which are nearly Worthless making a loss of Some $300.00 to the Town -

In Conclusion We will Say that the brush has been mostly cut upon the Farm during the past Year. Also Some thirty four rods of Wall laid and about the Same number of rods repaired -

All of which is respectfully Submitted

J & C Allen
Sam'l Harrington
S R White
} Overseers of the Poor

A True Copy ~~Attest~~ James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Sixth article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to Accept the Report of the Collector of Taxes. as Printed and presented which was as follows - viz -

Collectors Report.

The Amount of Taxes committed by the Assessors of the Town of Grafton to Rufus E Warren Collector for 1861. is as follows viz

1861 July 19th	Town Grant		$10,000.00
"	County Order		2542.69
"	State "		631.00
"	Overlayings		282.55
"	One Poll Tax assessed Since Tax committed		1 50
	Total Tax		$13,477 74

1861 Sept 10th	Cash paid Treasurer		8000.00
" Nov. 1	" "		1271 35
Dec 1	" "		651.00
1862 Jan 1	" "		1271 34
"	Discount on Taxes		589 14
Feb. 20th	Cash Paid Treasurer		402 56
	Whole Amount Collected		$ 12,185.39

leaving an Amount of Taxes Uncollected of $ 1292 35 against the following persons, for the amount set against their respective Names

Allen Newman C	1 50	Bonnett Levi	1 50
Aldrich Chandler	1 50	Baker Lewis	1 50
Aldrich Omer	6 86	Brown George R	1 50
Axtell S J Trustee	94	Beso Peter	1 50
Breson Francis	1 50	Billington Enoch	1 50
Barrows Peter	1 50	Boyden Lucius	1 50
Blanchard Henry A.	1 50	Balcom Edward	1 50
Blood Bramard	1 50	Belrose Francis	1 50
Briggs Horace	1 50	Belnap Jerome	1 50
Black William	1 50	Burnes A E.	1 50
Bromblecom Samuel	15 21	Batchelder C M	1 50
Bullen C S.	2 27	Burnes Owen	1 50
Bennett Saml Estate of	9 98	Bryant Considet T	1 50
Benson Alonzo	1 50	Bryant Asa T	1 50
Boyd David	1 50	Baker Henry	1 50
Burnes John S.	1 50	Ball Henry L.	1 50
Buxton Lewis	1 50	Ball Dexter D	1 50

Bond Leonard C.	1 50	Case Elijah	1 50
Bennett Joseph C.	1 50	Coyn Thomas	1 50
Balcom Gilbert	1 50	Clark Joseph H	1 50
Bonner Joseph	1 50	Crompton Andrew	1 50
Bigelow Charles	37 69	Congdon Seneca	6 75
Coe John N.	1 50	Congdon Joshua	11 25
Chappell John	1 50	Congdon George L	2 25
Chapro Ezra	1 50	Carter Michael	1 50
Croton Samuel	1 50	Day Thomas H.	1 50
Currier Daniel	1 50	Davis Augustus.	1 50
Cushing Abner Jr	1 50	Ducett John	1 50
Clark John S	1 50	Duson Peter	1 50
Chappell Wm	1 50	Davis Olney	1 50
Cady Henry K	1 50	Davis Elethea Mrs	3 38
Connelly Thomas C.	1 50	Drake Francis	1 50
Carlin Patrick	1 50	Dolan Terrance	1 50
Crane O. C.	1 50	Durregan John	1 50
Crow Barnard	1 50	Dooley John	1 50
Conroy Michael	1 50	Donovan Patrick	1 50
Claflin Allen	1 50	Dwyer John G.	1 50
Chapin Nathan L	3 75	Davis J W	1 50
Chase David	7 50	Dennis J T	1 50
Chase & Lonsbury	1 50	Day Horace	1 50
Cady Curtis	4 31	Dispeau Wm A	1 50
Cosgrove John	1 59	Dispeau Joseph D	1 50
Crane Origen Estate of	4 50	Dunn E M	1 50
Crane O C & Co	3 00	Drury S S	1 50
Curran Patrick	1 50	Davis John	1 50
Cattinard John	1 50	Ellis R A	1 50
Connar Lewis	1 50	Ellis Sally Mrs	3 75
Carpenter James	1 50	Fuller Emerson	1 50
Colwell Charles.	1 50	Fury William A	1 50
Champlang Lewis	1 50	Fery James.	1 50
Cannary Edward	1 50	Fery Robert	1 50
Cook W B	7 21	Frost John W	1 50
Cobb Joel F	6 75	Fairbanks Henry A	1 50
Corey Michael	1 50	Fairbanks D C	7 56
Cobb Roland	1 50	Fishlock Silas	1 71

Foote Wingate & Co	15	00	Hall William	1	50
Fairbanks H B	10	51	Huse Michael	1	50
Fisher William H	1	50	Hubbard D B	1	50
Flagg Joseph	1	50	Howard Allen	1	50
Florida Edward	1	50	Massamamisset Lodge	3	75
Fontaine Joseph	1	50	Julian Peter	1	50
Fannin James	1	50	Julian Peter Jr	1	50
Ford Levi	1	50	Johnson Charles A	1	50
Force E N	1	88	Jeandreau Herbert	1	50
French George	1	50	Jagues Joseph	1	50
Flagg Jeremiah	5	25	Jerome Anthony	1	50
Gates William L	1	50	Jennings John	1	50
Gardner Francis	1	50	Johnson A C	1	50
Glover Joel	1	50	Johnson Job	1	71
Gifford Henry A	1	50	Keyes John	1	50
Gifford A W	1	50	Keaton James	1	50
Goodrich Noah L	1	50	Kelly Joseph	1	50
Glover Warren	1	50	Kelly Michael	1	50
Gaffeny John	1	50	Knowles S A	55	34
Goeart Joseph	1	50	King Peter 2	1	50
Gould William	1	50	Kelly James 2	1	50
Gee James S	1	50	Keafe Maurice	1	50
Gleason James	1	50	Kimball John H	1	50
Greenwood Levi	1	50	King John 2d	1	50
Houghton J W	1	50	Lonsbury Charles	1	50
Harper Francis	1	50	Limage Xavier	1	50
Horan Patrick H	1	50	Lesure Z	1	50
Hartwell Eliza Mrs	5	44	Lake Paul	1	50
Howe Adolphus	3	75	Lupier William	1	50
Holden Henry E	4	50	Lincoln James	1	50
Hetherington William	1	50	Lonsbury John R	1	50
Hayden Jon E	1	50	Legate Clary J	12	56
Holland John	1	50	Leland L S Y	21	66
Hayward Wm F	1	50	Labree Lewis	1	50
Hammond Daniel	1	50	Legassy Augustus	1	50
Harney Michael	1	50	Labree Peter	1	50
Hitchins John	4	12	Lepoint Peter	1	50
Hillihy Jerry	1	50	Ledeaux Alanson	1	50

Long Dexter	1	50	Nourse Calvin D	4	50
Loffler Francis	1	50	New England Jewelry Co	15	00
Loffler Joseph	1	50	Newton William	10	71
Lynch Thomas	1	50	Newton Elmer M	1	50
Lynes Michael	1	50	Osier Lewis	1	50
Loynd John	1	50	O'Harie Lawrence	1	50
Leland John B	2	18	Oakes Charles	1	50
McClearance Thomas	1	50	Oakes Sylvester	1	50
Mackey Amariah	1	50	Prentice Henry	1	50
Maxwell William	1	50	Peckham Henry A	1	50
McLaughlin John	1	50	Pierce Charles F	1	50
McGinley William	1	50	Palmer Levi	1	50
McFarlan Daniel	1	50	Palmer Wm G	1	50
McDolan Lawrence	1	50	Parker L L	1	50
Martin James T	1	50	Pelican Anthony	1	50
Moore Joseph	1	50	Pelican Paul	1	50
Mitchell Charles L	6	75	Pitcher Levi	1	50
Monroe Jonas	10	17	Putnam Austin	1	50
Myatt Peter	4	46	Priest Lewis	1	50
Morrison Peter	1	50	Plympton Daniel W	1	50
Monroe John	1	50	Plympton Frank A	1	50
Mathews Wm	1	50	Pelican Peter Jr	6	00
Morse Warren K	1	50	Prentice John C	1	50
McGillCurdy Daniel	1	50	Putnam John Estate of	25	50
Moore D. L.	1	50	Putnam Emory	1	50
Marble F. M.	58	01	Pratt Lucien N	1	50
Murray James	1	50	Pratt Shepard H	1	50
Mallen John	1	50	Place William S	1	50
Morse E. J.	1	50	Powers Jonathan	1	50
Morse Willard A.	2	25	Powers W H	1	50
Mathews Lewis	1	50	Powers Martin	1	50
Madigan George	4	50	Parsons George	2	06
Margeum F C.	1	50	Parsons Horace	1	57
Norcrop Edwin A	1	50	Powers John J	1	80
Newton George H	1	87	Putnam Henry C		75
Nelson Leroy A	1	50	Pike Albert	1	50
Norcrop John	1	50	Pratt George B.	1	50
Newton Franklin T	1	50	Pratt Luke C	1	50

Pratt James N	1	50	Snow Peter	1	50
Potter H K	12	14	Savage John	1	50
Quinn Timothy	1	50	Smith L B	1	50
Quinn Jerry	1	50	Sherbert Peter	1	50
Quinsigamond House Proprietors of	30	00	Sherman John D	1	50
			Snow Charles D	1	50
Quinn William	1	50	Sinclair John	1	50
Quinby Moses	1	50	Smith Asa F	127	95
Quinby M & Son		68	Snowlan James	1	50
Quinby M L C	1	50	St George Felix	1	50
Richards Charles F	1	50	Sibley Simeon	2	46
Raymond Raymond	1	50	Smith Mathew	1	50
Rumney James	1	50	Slynes Dennis	1	50
Robertson James	1	50	Stone Daniel	1	50
Richards George	1	50	Shephard George	1	50
Rockwood J M	1	50	Sheridan Nicholas	1	50
Robinson F B	1	50	Smith George	1	50
Roods Marvin	1	50	Shehan John	1	50
Roods Augustine	1	50	Spring Francis	1	50
Renno John	1	50	Tukey Peter	1	50
Rivers Joseph	1	50	Thayer Anderson	1	50
Riley Michael	1	50	Taft Emory A	1	50
Roach John	2	25	Temple N B	1	50
Randall Charles I	1	50	Thayer Henry	1	50
Rourke Dennis	1	50	Tiffany George E	1	50
Rice Abner H	1	50	Wheelock Curtis L	1	50
Richard Anthony	1	50	Wilcox David R	1	50
Richard Charles	1	50	Wright E M	1	50
Redding John	1	50	Wilson William	1	50
Robbins Wm E	1	71	Weeden William	1	50
Robinson Joshua	4	50	White James	1	50
Sibley Augustus	1	50	Wilson Robert	1	50
Summers Pascal	1	50	Williams Samuel	1	50
Smith A A	1	50	Whitney N L	1	50
Sherry James	1	50	Wright Charles A	1	50
Sherry William	1	50	Welch John	1	50
Sl Ones Francis	1	50	White James 2d	1	50
Summers Peter	1	50	Wheelock Persis	25	50

Wingate D B	11	46	Young William	1	50
Wheeler E F	31	30	Young Joseph	1	50
Wheelock Thomas	1	50	Young Alexander	1	50
Weeks S M	1	50	Young Samuel	1	50
Whitney Frederick	1	50	Nonresidents		
Whitney Alden	1	50	Bartlett Jonas	16	50
White Charles H	1	50	Carr Patrick		75
White Darius	47	47	Eames Harrison	9	00
Wesson Calvin	6	20	Fairbanks Silas	4	50
Wood John	1	71	Foote C N	6	00
Wood Joseph	1	50	Holmes C C	1	50
Winn James	1	50	Holmes Eliza Mrs	3	75
Wheelock Geo N	1	50	Howd William Jr	4	50
Wheelock Henry F	1	50	Knowlton William	7	50
Wheelock Lorenzo	1	50	Kennedy Michael		75
Warren Charles F	15	00	Smith Josiah	9	00
Wheelock Daniel	5	81	Sadler Samuel		75
Wilkins E W	1	50	Slocomb Pliney		45
Woodburn James	1	50	Starnes Edwin	2	25
Young W H W	1	50	Wright George	4	50
Young David	1	50	Total	$129	35

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Rufus E Warren — Collector

Grafton February 20th 1862

A True Copy. Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Seventh article in the Warrant, and On motion Voted to accept the Report of the Engineers as Printed which was as follows— viz —

(over)

Chief Engineer's Report.

Town of Grafton in Account with Rufus E Warren Chief Engineer. for Expenditures for the fire department for the Year Ending March 3rd 1862

Cr

By Cash Recieved of Geo F Slocomb $24,21
" " " on Selectmen's Orders 875.00 — 899,21

Dr

Engine Co. No 1 Rescue

Paid for Services of 49 Men for Year Ending May 1st 1861 $223.76.
" Care of Engine & Apparatus 1 Year 10,00
" " Repairs and Labor 23.06
" Forfeit of Horse 4.00 — $260.82

Engine Co. No 2 - Emperor

Paid for Services of 63 Men for Year Ending May 1st 1861 $218.33
" " care of Engine and Apparatus 1 Year 10.00
" Hunneman & Co. for Repairing Engine & Express 119.25
" I A Knowles Bill 10.54
" C D Nourse's Bill 10.00
" Wm T Barkers Bills 18,78
" Geo E Burnes Bill 1.00
" J McElwains Bill 1.43
" A Whitneys Bill 2,00
" Rose 4.28 — $395.61

Engine Co No 3. Blackstone

Paid for Services of 35 men for Year Ending May 1st 1861 $156,78
" " Care of Engine and Apparatus 1 Year 10.00 — 166,78

Paid H Cogswells Bills for Refreshments for Engine men 64.00
" for Printing Blank Certificates 2.00
" S Brinton for Team 2.5
66.25

Hook and Ladder Co

Paid William Wallace for use of Horse	$2,00	
" J Dadmun for Rubber	1,00 —	3,00
Total Expenses.		$89246
Leaving a Balance on hand of		$ 6,75

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Rufus E Warren Chief Engineer-

A True Copy

Attest

James W White Town Clerk

The Report of Samuel Harrington Liquor Agent was prepared and Printed with Other Printed Reports. as follows-

1861 Feb 27th	By Cash on hand	$7116	
"	" Liquors Casks and fixtures as per Acct Rendered this date	136 04	
	Amount of Liquors Sold from Feb 27th 1861 to Feb 25th 1862	621.77 —	828.99
—	Paid for Liquors from Feb 27th 1861 to Feb 25th 1862	671.96	
.	Agents Salary for One Year	100.00	
"	Freight	1094 —	782,90
			$ 46,09
1862 Feb 25.	By Cash on hand	$ 4609	
	Amount of Liquors on hand	15247	
"	" Casks and fixtures	19,80 —	218.36
	Amount due the Town Feb 27 1861		207.20
	Showing a profit of		$ 11 16

Samuel Harrington Agent

Grafton February 25th 1862

A True Copy

Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Took up the 8th Article in the Warrant.
The General School Committee not being prepared to Report - it was Voted to pass over the Article for the present.

Took up the 9th Article in the Warrant -
The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery by their Treasurer Rufus E Warren Submitted their annual Report which was by Vote accepted as follows -

"Riverside Cemetery in Ac with Rufus E Warren Treasurer -

Cr

1861. March 6th	Cash On hand	$49.81	
"	Rec'd for Lots Sold	252.45	
" "	Wood	5.00	
"	of Lewis Holbrook	149 -	$308.75

Dr

To cash paid for Labor in Cemetery		76.24	
" "	for Surveying, Lithographing		
	and plans of Cemetery	128 88	
1862 March 3	Cash in hands of Treasurer	103.63 -	308.75

All of which is Respectfully Submitted.
Rufus E Warren Treasurer

Grafton March 3 1862
A True Copy
Attest
James W White Town Clerk

Took up the 10th Article in the Warrant.
The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery not being prepared to Report it was on Motion Voted to pass over the Article

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Took Up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant and on Motion of John W Slocomb Voted to Repair the Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year by a Labor Tax - --

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Took Up the Second article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to choose thirteen Highway Surveyors by nomination for the Year Ensuing -

Then by nomination chose

Silas Vinton Declined
William H Hersey Sworn March 11th 1862 by J W White Town Clerk
Geo. M Dunn Declines
John Sweetser Declined
Samuel Whitney Sworn March 8th 1862 by J W White Town Clerk
Henry Smith Sworn March 12th 1862 by J W White Town Clerk
John M Newton Sworn March 8th 1862 by J W White Town Clerk
Orlando Whitney
Lewis H Bigelow Sworn April 7th in Town Meeting by Moderator
Willis Works Sworn March 27 1862 by J W White Town Clerk
Lewis Holbrook Sworn April 7 in Town Meeting by Moderator
E P Dennis Declined
Robert Mowrey Declined

Highway Surveyors for the Year ensuing -

Voted to Authorize the Selectmen to Appoint a Sufficient number of Field Drivers and Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing - (Not Legal)

Took Up the 12th Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to raise Ten Thousand Dollars Money Tax to defray Town Charges the ensuing Year

Voted to appropriate Two Thousand Five hundred dollars for the Support of Common Schools the Ensuing Year -

On Motion of John W Slocomb. it was Voted to dispense with the High School the present Year—

After Some remarks by Rev I C Biscoe. Wm F Slocumb Esq and Others upon the Effect of the Vote just passed— the reading of the Statute relating to the Establishment and maintainance of High Schools by Towns was called for. and read by the Clerk. Whereupon it was Voted to reconsider the Vote just passed to dispense with the High School the present Year—

A motion was made and put to Vote. to appropriate One Thousand Dollars for the Support of the High School for the Year Ensuing— & decided in the Negative

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A motion was made and put to Vote to appropriate Eight Hundred dollars for the Support of the High School for the Year Ensuing— Upon this motion the House was divided— and the Vote declared in the negative—

A motion was then made to appropriate five hundred dollars for the Support of the High School for the Year Ensuing. and another motion was made to appropriate nine hundred dollars for the Support of the High School for the Year Ensuing— After some discussion both of Said Motions were withdrawn. and On Motion it was Voted to reconsider the Vote last passed whereby the Town Voted not to appropriate Eight hundred dollars for the Support of the High School for the Year Ensuing

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On Motion it was Voted to appropriate Eight hundred dollars for the Support of the High School for the Year Ensuing—

On Motion Voted to pass over this Article for the present

Took up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant. -
A Motion was made to reconsider the Vote passed whereby it was determined to repair the Highways. Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year by a Labor Tax - the motion was put to Vote and decided in the negative -

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Took up the 12th Article in the Warrant and On motion Voted. to raise Eight Hundred dollars. Labor Tax to repair the Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year -

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Took up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to Allow ten cents per hour for Men and ten cents per hour for Oxen for Labor on the Highways the Ensuing Year -

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Took up the 13th Article in the Warrant and on Motion of John W. Slocomb it was voted that a discount of five percent be made to all persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes on or before the fifteenth day of October next - that all Poll Taxes be payable on demand. and that all Taxes shall be collected and paid in to the Treasury on or before the first day of January next. The Collector to pay over to the Treasurer. Once in ten days the amount of all Taxes by him collected

This Vote Reconsidered

After Some remarks upon the Effect of the Vote last passed. it was voted to reconsider the Vote just passed relating to Discount and the collecting of Taxes -

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On Motion of Willard D Wheeler it was Voted that a Discount of Five percent shall be mad to all Persons who Shall Voluntarily pay their Taxes on or before the First day of September next.
That all Poll Taxes Shall be payable on demand - and that all Taxes Shall be Collected and paid

in to the Treasury. On Or before the first day of January next. The Collector to pay over to the Treasurer. Once in ten days commencing at the time he recieves his Tax Bill. the Amount of all Taxes by him collected —

" Voted to put up the Collecting of Taxes at Auction to the lowest Bidder. which was accordingly done and Sold to Barnabas Newton at Eight tenths 8/10 of. One percent. —

Took up the 2d Article in the Warrant. and By Ballot chose Barnabas Newton Collector of Taxes for the Year Ensuing — who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office April 5th AD 1862 By James W White Town Clerk

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On Motion Voted that a forced collection be immediately made of All Taxes now remaining unpaid in the hands of the Collector. Except those against Volunteers in the Service of the Government of the United States —

Took up the fourteenth. Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to allow the Sextons for burying the Dead. the Same as they were allowed last Year. which was two Dollars and fifty cents for Digging and filling the Grave. Ringing the Bell to give notice of a death and Tolling the Bell at a Funeral. and attending the Funeral with his Horse. and the Towns Hearse — Said two Dollars and fifty cents to be in full for All of Said Service as Sexton —

Took up the fifteenth article in the Warrant On Motion Voted to allow Firemen the Same compensation with the Same limitations and and provesions as last Year. which were as-

follows. viz. The number of Men for Each Engine Company limited to forty five - that they each receive five dollars a year, and that each man receive pay in proportion to the time he runs with the Company - that is for three months. One quarter, for Six months One half a Years pay -

Took up the Sixteenth Article in the Warrant and On motion Voted to Authorize the Prudential Committee in the Several School Districts to Employ the School Teachers in their respective Districts for the year ensuing

Took up the Seventeenth Article in the Warrant. The "List of Names" prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box was presented. read and Accepted as follows - viz -

Seth J Axtell
Joseph B Adams
Luke F Allen
Joseph K Axtell
L. H Bigelow
Jefferson Bellows
William T Barker
Horace P Brown
S P Champney
Calvin Clisbee
John P Crosby
John M Davenport
Sumner Dunsmore
E P Dennis
S B Dolliver
Lorrin Davis
John W Estabrook
Winthrop Faulkner
Noah Fletcher

Charles Fowler
Henry D Fisher
Hiram Fernald
H C Greenwood
Charles Goddard
Charles Goddard Jr
Levi C Heywood
Elbridge G Harrington
George W Howe
A S. Hinds.
Uriah B Johnson
George F Jourdan
Royal A Keith
Elijah B Knowlton
Charles B Knight
Levi N Leland
Lawson Munyan
Robert Mowry
James Martin

George K Nichols
James G Putnam
L S Pratt.
John Putnam
A W Rice
Jon.a W Stow.
Esek Saunders
John C Sinclair
Silas Vinton
Moses C Woodbury
Jon.a D Wheeler
John Whitney
Lowell White
Frederick Waterman
Jonathan Warren
Stephen R White
Charles C Wood -

Took Up the Eighteenth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted that the High School Shall be kept the Ensuing Year within the limits of the Center School District.

Took Up the nineteenth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to Authorize the Selectmen to cause one of the Church Bells in the center of the Town to be Rung at twelve O'clock M. and at nine O'clock P.M.

Took Up the twentieth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to choose a Committee of One for Each District School kept in town to make a new division of the School money. Said Committee to be nominated by the Moderator of this Meeting.

The Moderator made the following nomination which was by Vote accepted - viz

Dis No 1 W D Wheeler H F Wing C C Wood Wm F Slocum -
" " 2 Lewis Holbrook
" " 3 J W Stow
" " 4 Seth J Axtell
" " 5 Wm F Wheeler
" " 6 Levi Rawson . Alfred Morse
" " 7 Charles Brigham
" " 8 J B Adams
" " 9 C M Pratt . Robert Mowry . S A Knox
" " 10 G C Taft
" " 11 J S Nelson -

Took Up the twenty first Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to Authorize the Treasurer to Borrow Money to meet the wants of the Town, under the direction of the Selectmen

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Took up the twenty Second Article in the Warrant,
The Report of the Committee on establishing
a free Town Library was presented and accepted as follows

"The Committee of thirteen Chosen by the Town of Grafton
at the last Annual March meeting to take into consid-
eration the propriety &c. of Establishing a free Town
Library in Said Town. have considered the subject
and Report. That Such a Library would be of great
advantage to the Town. Enlightning and making
more intelligent her people — But the State of
the times are Such. with the duties and War Taxes
Staring us in the face that it is inexpedient to
Establish Such a Library this Year. Or till Some of Our
War Bills Shall be disposed of and Our people relieved
in part from their heavy Load of Government Debts" —
All of which is Respectfully Submitted —
Charles Brigham } Chairman

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and
On Motion Voted to make the Selectmen a
Committee to have the care of all Bridges in
the Town of Eight feet Sluice and over —

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to Monday the
Seventh day of April next at One O'clock P M
at the Town Hall in Said Grafton

A True Record
Attest

James W White Town Clerk —

Treasurer's Bond

Know all men by these presents that We Horace S Warren of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts. as Principal and Jonathan Warren and Winthrop Faulkner of said Grafton as Sureties are holden and firmly bound to said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorney in the Sum of fifteen thousand dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves and Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents - Sealed with Our Seals. and dated the fifth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty two -

The Condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas. the said Horace S Warren has been Chosen Treasurer for said Town of Grafton for the current year and has accepted said Office. and been duly Sworn to the discharge of said duties. Now if the said Horace S Warren as Treasurer as aforesaid account for all Monies which may come into his possession. and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the Other Legal duties of the aforesaid Office. then this Obligation shall be Void. Otherwise it shall remain in full force and Virtue -

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
F J Dadmun

Horace S Warren L S
Jon^{a} Warren L S
Winthrop Faulkner L S

Accepted March 14th 1862
Jon^{a} D Wheeler
John McClellan
Joseph B Adams
Cyrus D Aldrich
Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy Recorded March 14th 1862.
James W White Town Clerk

The following Persons were appointed to Office by the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at a meeting held for that purpose at their Office on the twenty Second day of March A D 1862 viz

Measurers of Wood and Bark

W D Wheeler Sworn April 4th 1862 By James W White Town Clerk
C C Wood Sworn April 11th 1862 by James W White Town Clerk
Geo K Nichols
John C Davis
G C Taft
Chas Fowler Sworn March 29th 1862. by James W White Town Clerk
Wm A White
H D Fisher
Wm F Barker
R D Chase Sworn April 7th 1862 by James W White Town Clerk
S E Goulding
L N Leland

Sealers of Leather

L W Dodge
Geo W E Babcock Sworn Feb 18th 1863 by James W White Town Clerk

Sealer of Weights & Measures.

Nathan Hancock Sworn April 8th 1862 by James W White Town Clerk

Weighers of Coal

C D Aldrich Sworn April 7th 1862 by Jas W White Town Clerk
Saml Harrington Sworn April 11th 1862 by James W White Town Clerk
G C Taft
Wm A White
S A Knowles

Pound Keeper

Caleb Wood - Sworn March 30th 1862 by J W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 7th A D 1862

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton pursuant to adjournment from the third day of March now last past. and transacted the following busines. viz -

1st The Record of the Meeting holden on the third day of March now last past were read by the Town Clerk Except so much of said Record as is contained in the printed Report of the Several Town Officers which was by Vote of the Town Omited and also the Report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery. and the Report of the Committee on a free Town Library -

L M Sargent. Chosen Constable March third A D 1862 having diclined Serving in said Office - it was on Motion Voted to proceed to the Election of a Constable to fill said Vacancy -

Took up the second article in the Warrant and by Ballot Chose F B Pratt Constable for the Year Ensuing

On Motion Voted to choose another Constable for New England Village. and by Ballot chose I A Kno Constable for the Year Ensuing who was. duly. Sworn. June 5th 1862 by James White Town Clerk

By nomination Chose Barnabas Newton Highway Surveyor in place of Silas Winton declined. Barnabas Newton was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by A D H Moderator in Open Town meeting -

By Nomination. chose William Sibley Highway Surveyor in place of Geo M Dunn. declined. Wm Sibley Sworn April 16th AD 1862 by James W White Town Clerk –

By nomination chose. Elijah How. Highway Surveyor in place of John Sweetser who had not accepted the Office to which he was chosen March 3 AD 1862. (died before accepting) Thomas Reardan appointed by Selectmen. and Sworn May 10th by Town Clk

By Nomination chose. George W Drury. Highway Surveyor in place of E P Dennis declined. George W Drury Sworn April 23 AD. 1862 by James W White Town Clerk

By Nomination chose. Alfred Dunham Highway Surveyor in place of. Robert Mowry declined. (who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by I D Hall Moderator. in Open Town Meeting –

On Motion of James G Putnam it was Voted to make the Several Highway Surveyors. Collectors of Highway Taxes for the Year Ensuing –

On Motion Voted to Choose Six Field drivers for the Year Ensuing – Then by nomination Chose
Dr. Lucas. Sworn by I D Hall Moderator in Open Town Meting
Albert Bradish Sworn April 9th by James W White Town Clerk
Geo M Bigelow Sworn by I D Hall Moderator in Open Town Meting
J Augustus Goddard Sworn July 5th 1862 by James W White Town Clerk
Charles Daniels declined Serving –
William Wallace Sworn by I D Hall Moderator in open Meeting
Field drivers for the Year Ensuing –

On Motion Voted to Choose Three Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing –
Then by nomination Chose. E B Brooks
Jona W How & James G Putnam Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing – J G Putnam Sworn by I D Hall Moderator

On Motion Voted to choose three Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing by nomination
Chose Noah Fletcher
J. M. Davenport
Kendrick Hunt. Sworn April 12th 1862 by James W White Town Clerk
Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing

Took up the Eighth Article in the Warrant, which was "To hear the Report of the General School Committee and act thereon" Rev Wm Miller in behalf of the Committee Stated that their Report had been prepared and left with a Printer to be printed and was to have been ready on Friday last but had not been recieved - he presumed it would be recieved this Evening - he could not tell the cause of the delay - he further Stated that as soon as it was recieved he would put a copy in Each Box in the Several Post Offices in the Town, and Leave a number for distribution among those persons who had no Box at the Post Offices - Then Voted to pass Over the Article -

Took up the Tenth Article in the Warrant.
The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery
Submitted their Report which was accepted as follows - viz

The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery Report as follows. Amount of Money Collected for lots. Sold Since last Report $242.92
Amount Said Out as per Bills 155.94
Funds On hand March 1st 1862 $ 86.98.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted
A F Smith Chairman
Grafton April 7th 1862 -

Took up the 22. Article in the Warrant.

The Committee of thirteen chosen on the twenty ninth day of April A D 1861. to have the General care and Oversight of Military Affairs in the Town of Grafton having prepared their Report and caused the Same to be printed with the Reports of the Several Town Officers. It was voted to accept their Report as Printed which was as follows- viz:-

"The Committee chosen on the 29th day of April last to have the General care and Oversight of Military Affairs in the Town of Grafton Submit the following Report of their doings viz.

	They have paid Expenses for drilling Co. C.	$ 538.28
Paid for	Uniforms " "	1086.95
" "	Equipments for Officers &c.	291.37
" "	Materials for Fatigue Suits &c.	222.40
" "	100. Blankets & 100 prs Woolen Mittins	386.78
" "	Flannel Shirts and drawers for Prisoners at Richmond	22.76
Other incidental Expenses as per Bill on file		122.60
		$2,671 14

Of the materials furnished for Uniforms and Fatigue Suits there are now remaining on hand-

39. Yds of Cadet Cloth at 85 cents per Yard	$33.15	
9 Yds Jeanes.	2.16	36.09
20 Blankets. at $3.50	70.00	
20. prs Mittens	6.50	
	$112.59	

A. M. Bigelow Chairman

Grafton. March. 3. 1862.

The following Statement of the amount of aid rendered to the families of Massachusett Volunteers enlisted as belonging to this Town and the amount to be reimbursed by the State, was prepared by the Select Men and printed with their Report

was by Vote of the Town Accepted as follows.

Name of Volunteer	Whole amt Rec	Amt Reimbursed by the State	Overpaid Reimbursed
Capt Walter Forehand	72 00		72 00
Lieut Lucius M Sargent	4 00		4 00
Horace Day	183 27	91 20	92 07
Mathew Smith	137 00	103 60	33 40
James S Lee	130 71	126 00	4 71
Joseph Bonner	96 00	91 20	4 80
Adolphus How	96 00	91 20	4 80
Albert A Smith	96 00	91 20	4 80
James Howarth	96 00	91 20	4 80
William Mathews	96 00	91 20	4 80
Peter Tuhey	80 80	72 20	3 60
Peter Shurburt	76 00	74 00	2 00
Luther W Whitney	72 40	72 40	00 00
John W Davis	72 00	67 20	4 80
Dexter B Hathaway	71 00	60 85	10 15
Willie E Morse	66 00	66 00	— —
Thomas D Allen	66 00	66 00	— —
Levi J Ford	66 00	66 00	— —
Lucius Boyden	66 00	66 00	— —
Gilbert E Balcom	66 00	66 00	— —
Joshua R Parminter	64 72	64 72	— —
James Hughes	64 00	32 00	32 00
Charles A Johnson	64 00	64 00	— —
Charles Snow	64 00	32 00	32 00
James D Whitney	60 85	60 85	— —
R A Leland	59 00	59 00	— —
James White	52 56	52 56	—
George R Brown	41 14	41 14	— —
Hugh Jameson	38 57	38 57	— —
Peter Barrows	38 00	38 00	— —
Charles W Barry	35 00	33 00	2 00
James C Kelly	35 00	33 00	2 00
Edward S Johnson	33 56	33 00	56
Samuel Young	33 42	33 42	
Charles H Oakes	33 00	33 00	
A T Bryant	33 00	33 00	

	Whole amt	P. Amt.	Reimbursed by State		over P
Curtis Cady	[illegible]	[illegible]	33	00	
Julius A Clisbee	32	40	32	40	
George W Hastings	30	85	30	85	
Andrew J Cossit	27	14	27	14	
Augustus E Davis	23	43	23	43	
Calvin A Wesson	24	28	24	28	
Joseph Grimm	19	28	19	28	
John S Thornton	18	00	18	00	
Richard Johnson	18	00	18	00	
James S Kirkup	13	42	13	42	
John McKenzie	8	00	8	00	
Augustus Kimick	8	00	8	00	
J Frank Sweeney	4	00	4	00	
	2718	80	2399	51	319 29

Of the Amount to be Reimbursed
by the State, there is due at this time 2[illegible] $1,626 13
" Due after January 1st 1863 773 38

2399 51

Jon D Wheeler
H S Warren
Geo W Estabrooks
John McClellan
A W Rice

Grafton Feb. 28th 1862

Voted to accept the Report of Samuel Harrington "Liquor Agent for the Town as Printed and Recorded. (There was no Article in the Warrant for the consideration of this Report) James W White Town Clk.

The Committee chosen on the third day of March now last past to make a new division of the School money. Submitted their Report which was accepted as follows. Viz—

(over)

To the Citizens of Grafton —

The Committee appointed to make a re-division of the School money for the present year. having attended to duties assigned to them beg leave to Report. — That a new division was needed on account of the increase and decrease in the number of Scholars in the several Schools throughout the Town

They thought it Expedient that a plan should be presented which might form a basis for future action provided that it should proove unobjectionable and impartial. They are conscious also that no division could be made by any committee that would be entirely satisfactory to all Districts

They finally after mature deliberation and discussion adopted the following plan which is now presented for your consideration —

That Each School throughout the Town Shall be Entitled to One Dollar for Every Scholar which the Average Attendance of that School for the year preceding the division Shall denote —

That the balance of the School fund thus appropriated Shall be divided Equally among the Seventeen Schools in the Town. That is the Centre District Shall be entitled to 4/17 New England Village 3/17 Farnumsville 2/17 the remaining Districts 1/17 Each —

That the Average Attendance upon which this division is based Shall be taken from the School Reports of the year preceding the day that the Annual appropriation of the School fund is made.

The Committee were surprised to learn upon Examination of the School Reports that the average attendance in some of the Schools in the Town was so far below the greatest number in the School — Any course taken by which constant attendance and punctuality could be encouraged in the several Schools. the Committee deemed it proper to adopt. — They believe that the operation of this plan which has been presented will produce

happy Results - The Villages will become conscious that the higher the Average attendance in their School the greater will be the Amount of their part of the School fund - while the Several farm districts actuated by the same motive will by this plan recieve more than they have hitherto received -

Believing that time and Experience will test the working of the plan presented the Committee unanimously desire that an Opportunity may be given for testing its effectiveness.

All which is Respectfully Submitted.

In behalf of the Committee.

W F Wheeler Clerk -

A True Copy

Attest James W White Town Clerk

On Motion voted that the Report of the agent of the General School Committee be annexed to the Report of the General School Committee at the next Annual Meeting —

On Motion Voted to Authorize the Selectmen to Sell the property purchased for Military purposes and pay the proceeds into the Treasury

Voted to dissolve this Meeting —

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton May 5th 1862

The Selectmen at a Meeting for that purpose appointed H B Fairbanks. Sworn June 2 1862 by James W White T Clerk Lewis Daniels. Sworn May 10th 1862 by James W White Tow Clk Special Constables for the remainder of the municipal Year

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at a Meeting held for that purpose on the fifth day of May A D 1862 it being the first Monday in said Month did appoint Samuel Harrington of said Grafton an Agent for said Town to purchase Intoxicating Liquors and to sell the same within, for, and on account of said Town of Grafton, to be used in the Arts, or for Medicinal, Chemical and Mechanical purposes and no other for One year from the first Monday in May aforesaid, unless sooner removed from said Agency.

Now if the said Samuel Harrington shall in all respects conform to the provisions of Law relating to the business for which he is appointed, and to such rules and regulations as now are, or shall from time to time be established by the Board of Selectmen making the appointment, then this appointment to remain in full force Otherwise to be void -

The place for the Sale of the Liquors aforesaid to be in the Town House so called, now occupied by the said Harrington & Nichols in the centre of said Town of Grafton -

Jon^{a} D Wheeler
John Mc Clellan
A W Rice
Jo^{s} B Adams
Cyrus D Aldrich
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton May 5th 1862

Bond

Know all Men that We Samuel Harrington as principal and Charles A Pierce. and Samuel C Flagg as Sureties are holden and Stand firmly bound to the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the Sum of Six hundred dollars to be paid unto them. their Successors or Assigns. to which payment we bind Ourselves Our Heirs Executors and administrators Jointly and Severally firmly by these presents

Sealed with Our Seals and dated this fifth day of May A D 1862 –

The condition of this Obligation is such that Whereas the above bounden Samuel Harrington has been duly appointed an Agent for the Town of Grafton to purchase intoxicating Liquor and to Sell the Same within. for. and on account of Said Town to be used in the Arts. or for Medicinal. Chemical and Mechanical purposes and no Other until the first Monday in May A D 1863 unless Sooner removed from Said Agency –

Now if the Said Samuel Harrington Shall in all respects Conform to the provisions of Law relating to the business for which he is appointed and to Such rules and regulations as now are or Shall be from time to time be Established by the Board making the appointment. Then this Obligation to be void. Otherwise to remain in full force

Executed in presence of
L F Allen

Sam Harrington L S
C A Pierce L S
S C Flagg L S

Accepted

J D Wheeler
John McClellan
A F Rice
Jos B Adams
Cyrus D Aldrich
Selectmen of Grafton

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the twenty first day of July current at Seven Oclock P M. to act on the following Articles to Wit —

Art. 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2 To See what compensation the Town will make to those persons who may Enlist and Enter the Service of the United States Government as Soldiers under the recent call of the President of the United States for fifteen Thousand Men from Massachusetts

" 3d To See if the Town will make any repairs in their Town Hall or Act thereon —

4th To See if the Town will take any measures to provide a Lock-Up according to the provisions of Section Sixteen, Chapter Two hundred and Sixteen of Statutes of 1862.

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of the Town and at the Post Offices in New-England Village, Farnums Ville, and Saundes Village 7 days at least before the time for holding Said Meeting.

Hereof fail Not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

(sp)

Given Under Our Hands this twelfth day of July in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty two —

Jon^a D Wheeler
John McClellan
A W Rice
Jo^s B Adams
Cyrus D Aldrich
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss July 21st 1862

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up attested copies of the Same at the Post Office in the center of the Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farmums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days before the time of holding this Meeting

S D Hall Constable of Grafton

~~A True Copy~~

~~A True Copy~~

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton July 21st A D 1862

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Town affairs met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the twenty first day of July A D 1862 at Seven Oclock P M pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and transacted the following Business Viz —

1st By Ballot made unanimous choise of S D Hall as Moderator of Said meeting —

2 Took up the Second article in the Warrant. On motion of William F Slocum Esq it was Voted unanimously that the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton be instructed to pay One Hundred Dollars to each person to the number of thirty five (35) who shall

(over)

Enlist as a Volunteer for Said Town and be mustered into the Service of the United States Government as a Soldier in the force of fifteen thousand men (15,000) recently called for from Massachusetts by the President of the United States

3 Took Up the third Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to pass over the Article

4 Took Up the fourth Article in the Warrant and on Motion to pass over the article. The reading of the Statute upon which the Article was based was called for and after being read by the Moderator it was Voted Not to pass over the Article

On Motion of Wm F Slocum it was Voted that the Selectmen provide a Suitable Lock-Up according to the requirements of the Statute refered to in the Article

On Motion Voted to Reconsider the Vote to pass over the third Article in the Warrant.

Took Up the third Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to make all needed and Suitable repairs in the Town Hall.

Took Up the fourth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted that the Lock-Up be provided at some convenient place in the Town Hall.

Then Voted to dissolve this meeting

A True Record

James W White Town Clerk

We the Undersigned Selectmen of the Towns of Grafton and Upton having met this fifth day of July A D 1862 agreeably to Notice given by the Selectmen of Grafton that bring the most ancient town. for the purpose of renewing the Bounds and perambulating the line between said towns. have attended to that duty and make the following

Report

Beginning at a Stone Monument. at the corner of Grafton Upton & Northbridge marked G. U & N. thence N 12¾° W. 170 rods to a Stone Monument at the corner of Royal Keiths pasture. Thence N. 14¾° E 96 rods to a Stone Monument at the corner of Reuben Wood & T M Bakers Meadow. Thence N. 32¼° W 201 rods to a Stone Monument at the corner of Widow Hayden's Land (so called). Thence S. 89¾° E. 19⅞ rods to a Stone Monument on a hill at the corner of Land formerly Owned by Ward Baker. thence N. 3¼° E 956 Rods to a Stone Monument. at the corner of Grafton Upton and Westborough marked G U & W.

And We have caused Stone Monuments to be Erected on the foregoing lines. wherever the same are crosed by any public Way. With the initials of Our respective towns Engraved thereon—

Arba T Wood } Selectmen of Upton
Pearley. P Taft }

John McClellan } Selectmen of Grafton
Jos B Adams }

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the county of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs to meet on the common in said Grafton centre on Monday the twenty fifth day of August current at two Oclock P M to act on the following articles to wit -

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

Art 2 To See what measures if any the Town will take to raise by Voluntary Enlistment their quota of the contemplated draft of nineteen thousand and Eighty men from the Militia of Massachusetts for the Service of the United States Government as petitioned for by John W Slocomb and Others -

Art. 3d. To See if the Town will abate the Poll Taxes now assessed against those persons who have enlisted and are now in the Service of the United States Government and of those persons who may hereafter Enlist and enter the Service of the United States Government -

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post-Office in the centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders Village to Stand Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid -

w/

Given under Our hands this Sixteenth day of August in the Year of Our Lord One thousand. Eight hundred and Sixty two. -

Jon^a D Wheeler
John McClellan
A W Rice
Jo^s B Adams
Cyrus D Aldrich
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. August 25^t 1862

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of the Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village - Farnumsville and Saunders Village, Seven days before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed -

S D Hall Constable of Grafton -

A True Copy of Warrant and Return -

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton August 25^t 1862

The inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Town affairs met on the Common in Said Grafton center. at two Oclock P M in accordance with. the foregoing Warrant. and transacted the following business. Viz -

1st By Ballot. Chose Charles Brigham Esq. Moderator of Said meeting who upon taking the Stand invited the Rev T C Biscoe to Open the Meeting with Prayer which he accordingly did.

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant. On Motion of John W Slocomb it was Voted that the Town pay One hundred dollars to Each of those persons who Voluntarily Enlist to fill the towns quota of the contingplated draft of nineteen thousand and Eighty men from the Militia of Massachusetts for the Service of

The United States Government. when they are accepted as such. by the Government of the United States—

Took up the third article in the Warrant.
On Motion of Esek Saunders it was Voted that all Poll Taxes now Assessed agains those persons who have Enlisted and are now in the Service of the United States Government and of those persons who may hereafter enlist and into the service of the United States Government be Abated and that all persons who have Enlisted and all persons who may hereafter Enlist and enter the United States Government's Service. who have paid their Poll Tax for the present Year shall have the same refunded to them—

Having acted on all the Articles in the Warrant. the following Resolutions were presented by the Moderator— which. after. Eliciting Patriotic & Spirited remarks from Charles Brigham Esq. Dea John McClellan Seth J Axtell Esq. Rev. Mr Andrews. Rev Mr Watters. Rev Mr Rockwood Rev Mr Robbins & Rev Mr Biscoe all of Grafton and Rev Mr. Banvard of Worcester were unanimously adopted and Ordered to be entered upon the Records of the Town with the proceedings of this meeting—

1st Resolved. That the time has fully come in the Progress of the War against the Rebellion when we must Strike for our national life useing Every Weapon God has given us. and calling to Our aid Every person who can be drawn from the north or South to assist us in Our holy cause—

2d Resolved That God in his providence has brought us as a Nation to the point where duty and interest combine in indicating Emancipation as the only policy through which we can secure present victory and future peace —

3 Resolved That as the Rebels. are willing to Sacrafice the Union to Save Slavery. Every loyal man Ought to be willing to Sacrafice Slavery to Save the Union and to Aid in destroying that "accursed thing" which is the fruitful Source of All Our Woes —

4th Resolved That the most prompt and energetic action is now required of us. Since Every days delay gives the Rebels Strength and wastes immence treasures and hundreds of valuable lives. and it is far better that Every Rebel Should perish than that One more Loyal Soldier Should die —

5th Resolved That We Citizens of Grafton will do all We can by Enlisting Ourselves — Encouraging Others to Enlist and in Every Other way in which we can make Our influence felt. to Aid forward a cause which is as just as holy. as beneficent and as Sure to succeed as that to which Our Fathers pledged. "their lives" their fortunes and their Sacred Honors"

Then Voted to dissolve this meeting —

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton September 10th 1862

At a meeting of the Selectmen and remaining Members of the Board of General School Committee held in the Selectmens Office on Wednesday the tenth day of September A D 1862 for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the Board of General School Committee occasioned by the resignation of William F Wheeler. due Notice having been given the two Boards proceeded to Ballot for a candidate to fill said vacancy and made unanimous choice of William Miller - to fill the aforesaid vacancy

on the morning of the Eleventh day of September A D 1862 a Fire Occurid in Grafton which destroyed Warren Block. The Unitarian or Congregational Society's Meeting House and adjacent Buildings - The Town Clerks Office was in the Second Story of Warren Block and was destroyed with all its contents and fixtures Except the Safe and the Records which it contained - This Book was in the Safe and with it escaped through the fire - the paper and writing being preserved. Only the Binding being destroyed the Leather being Burned apparantly by Steam - the writing on this page has been done Since the fire

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting.

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet at the Vestry of the West Church in Said Grafton on Monday the twenty second day of September current at two Oclock P.M. to Act on the following articles to wit

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting—

" 2 To See what Action if Any the Town will take with regard to Providing a place for holding future Town Meetings—

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of Said Town. and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders Village to Stand Seven days at least before the time of holding Said meeting—

Hereof fail not. and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under Our hands this twelfth day of September. in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty two—

Jon[a] D Wheeler
John McClellan
A W Rice.
Jos B Adams
Cyrus D Aldrich
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. September 22 1862

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up attested Copies of the Same at the Post Office in the center of the Town and at the Post Offices in New England village. Farnums ville and Saunders village Seven days before the time of holding this meeting—

S D Hall Constable of Grafton

James W White Town Clerk

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Grafton September 22d AD 1862

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Vestry of the West Church in said Grafton on Monday the twenty Second day of September A D 1862 at two Oclock P M pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and transacted the following business. viz-

1st By Ballot. Chose John McClellan Moderator

Took up the Second article in the Warrant which was to see what action, if any, the Town will take with regard to providing a place for holding future Town Meetings.-

A Motion was made by Seth J Axtell. That the Selectmen be instructed to hire as convenient a place as can be procured for holding future Town Meetings for One Year.

Jonas H Allen moved an amendment of two Years instead of One Year.

Willard D Wheeler moved an amendment to the Amendment. That a Committee of five be chosen to see what room can be procured either by hiring- building- or finishing some room and report at some future meeting-

The Vote being taken on W D Wheelers amendment. it was carried in the Affirmative-

. It was then voted to reconsider the Vote whereby it was voted to adopt the amendment offered by W D Wheeler -

Willard D Wheeler then withdrew his his amendment and offered as a Substitute for the motion of S. J Axtell and the amendment of Jonas H Allen.

That the whole matter of procuring a place for holding future Town meetings be referred to a committee of five. to see what room can be procured either by hiring - or building or finishing some room and Report at an

adjourned muting.

Then voted to adopt the Substitute Offered by W.D Wheeler. Voted that the committee be nominated by the Moderator with the assistance of the Selectmen

Whereupon the Moderator with the assistance of the Selectmen nominated Willard D Wheeler. Esek Saunders Jonas H Allen A.M Bigelow & Seth J Axtell for Said Committee -

Voted to accept Said nomination and that they be the Committee -

Then On Motion Voted to add two to the aforesaid Committee to be chosen by nomination

Then by nomination Chose Alfred Morse. and Lewis Holbrook as additional members of Said Committee -

On motion Voted that when we adjourn we adjourn for three weeks from this day at two Oclock P.M. to meet at this place -

Then Voted to adjourn this muting for three weeks. from this day at two Oclock P.M to meet at this place

A True Record

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton Octobr 13th A.D. 1862

The inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs, met in the Vestry of the West Church according to adjournment from the twenty Second day of September now last past. and transacted the following busines viz-

1st The Records of the last meeting were read and approved --

2d The Committee chosen at the last meeting of the town. to whoom was refered the matter of Procureing a Suitable room for holding future Town meetings in Either by hireing- building or finishing Some Room - Submitted the following

Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton

Gentlemen -

Your Committee appointed Sept. 22d to make inquiries and recieve proposals as to a Suitable room or building for the use of the Town. have attended to that duty and make the following

Report.

We have received a proposition from Capt Jon^{a} Warren to build and lease to the Town a Suitable Hall with two adjoining rooms. One 12 x 17 and one 17 x 17 feet. the main Hall to be 62 x 40 feet & 15 feet high - Said Hall and rooms to be on the Second floor of a building which he contemplates Erecting upon the Same Site of the One recently destroyed by fire. And Substantially in accordance with a plan herewith Submitted to which reference may be had for many of the details of the proposition when completed. - He proposes to Lease Said Hall & rooms to the Town for not less than twenty (20) Years at an Annual rent of ($150.) four hundred and fifty dollars payable Semi-Annually - he also proposes to Sell to the Town the Lot where his building was recently burnt. together with the Brick and other property now remaining thereon for the

Sum of ($3000) three thousand dollars.—

The Evangelical Congregational Society propose to Lease to the Town their Basement until some more Suitable place can be had. at fifty dollars per Annum—

Your Committee are of the Opinion that the propo-sition made by Capt. Warren to Lease to the Town a Hall. will meet their wants better than any Other plan that can at present be adopted— and they would recommend that the whole matter be placed in the hands of the Selectmen with instructions to complete a contract the details of which may be similar to the proposition above refered to—

All of which is Respectfully Submitted—

Grafton Oct 13th/62.

W D Wheeler
Este Saunders
Alfred Morse
A M Bigelow
J H Allen
S J Axtell
Lewis Holbrook
} Committee

On Motion of Wm F Slocum Voted to accept the report of the committee

On Motion of Jon^a D Wheeler it was Voted to recommit the Report with instructions to Report a detailed Statement of the particulars concerning the Halls and rooms accompanying the same together with the price to be paid for the Same

On Motion of Wm F Slocum it was Voted That the Town require a fire proof Vault in connexion with the Offic sufficiently large to contain All Our Public Documents and Records

On Motion of Henry F King it was Voted That when we adjourn it be for one week from this day—

Then Voted to adjourn for One week from this day at two Oclock in the afternoon at this place—

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton October 20th 1862

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Vestry of the West Church in said Grafton pursuant to adjournment from the thirteenth instant and transacted the following busines viz 1st. The Record of the doings of the last meeting were read and approved-

2d The Committee Chosen September 22d to whom was refered the matter of procuring a suitable room for holding future Town meetings in and who made a Report to the Town on the thirteenth Inst. which was recommitted to them with instructions to report in detail all the particulars concerning the Hall and Rooms adjoining- Submitted the following

Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton

Gentlemen

Your Committee Chosen to report in relation to a new Hall for the use of the Town. have received from Capt. Jona Warren a proposition which they herewith present in detail -

He proposes to build a Hall 68 x 40 feet & 15 ft. high with two Offices adjoining, One 18½ x 14 and One 18½ x 11 - 10 ft. high. Stair way and Entry 15 ft wide. Stairs 6 feet wide (in the clear). A suitable fire proof Vault to be built in One of the Offices. The Hall to be furnished with two (2) Chandeliers and Side lights for the platform or Speakers desk. A Furnace to be placed in a Room Outside of, but adjoining the main Building which room will also be a place to keep Coal &C&C. and will be occupied Only by the Town - The Town to furnish the Seats he paying One hundred dollars towards them. the Platform. Speakers Desk & all Other necessary fixtures to be furnished by Mr Warren - The Offices to be Separated by Slide or folding Doors. & a Door to Open from Each Office into the Hall - The Town to have the Exclusive controll of the Hall to be used for any purpose

they may see fit Except that they are not to use it for a High School. and Mr Warren is to have the right to pass up and down the Stairs to get to the room Over the Hall –

All necessary repairs to be made by the Owner –

The whole of this he proposes to lease to the Town for not less than 20 years at an Annual rent of five Hundred dollars (500) payable Semi-annually –

Your Committee are of the Opinion that the Hall proposed will amply meet the wants of the Town, and in the Absence of any other proposition, they consider this preferable to building a new Town House –

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Grafton Oct. 20/62

W D Wheeler
Esek Saunders
A M Bigelow
J C Allen
Seth J Axtell
Alfred Morse
Lewis Holbrook

On Motion Voted to Accept the Report.

On Motion of Joseph Bruce it was Voted to adopt the Report –

On Motion of Joseph Bruce it was Voted that the same Committee who have had this matter under consideration complete the Bargain with Mr Warren, according to the plan set forth in their Report and when the Hall and Rooms for Offices are completed they shall take a Lease of the same for a term of twenty years –

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting –

James W Whitd Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester— Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Vestry of the "West Church" in said Grafton on Tuesday the fourth day of November next at nine Oclock in the forenoon it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and reciever General Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the Commonwealth and for a Councillor for the Sixth Councillor District and for a Senator for the East Worcester Senatorial District. Also for a Representative to fill the Vacancy occasioned by the Death of Hon Goldsmith F Bailey Representative in the Congress of the United States from the Old Ninth Congressional district in Massachusetts. Also for a Representative to represent the Eighth Congressional District in Massachusetts in the Thirty-Eighth Congress of the United States. Also for One County Commissioner. and two Special Commissioners and for a Sheriff. and for four Commissioners of Insolvency for the County of Worcester. And for a District Attorney for the Middle District of Massachusetts Also to choose a Representative to represent the Seventeenth District in Worcester County

The votes for all the above Officers will be Recieved Open and unfolded on One Ballot or in Sealed Envelopes on Separate Ballots as best suits the voter. Each vote to Specify the Office voted for—

The Polls will be Opened to recieve the votes for the above Officers at ten Oclock A M and closed at three Oclock P M on said day

(over)

And You are further directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Vestry of the West Church in said Grafton on Tuesday the fourth day of November next at two Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles to Wit—

Artic 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

" 2d To see if the Town will take measures when practicable and when requested by friends to convey home for burial the bodies of Officers and Soldiers belonging to Our Town who from any cause have died or may die in Our Country's Service. or act thereon—

" 3d To see if the Town will take measures to prevent "Coasting" in the Public Highways of the Town during the coming Winter and Spring or act thereon as petitioned for by N G Whitney and Others

And You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an ~~attested~~ copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town and at the Post Offices in New England Village. Farnumsville and Saunders Village. ten days at least before the time of holding said Meeting— Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid— Given under Our hands this twentieth day of October in the Year of Our Lord. One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty two.

Jon a D Wheler
John McClellan
A W Rice
Jos. B Adams
Cyrus D Aldrich
Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss November 4th A D 1862 I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town and at the post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders village ten days before the time for holding said meeting as therein directed

~~I~~ S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A true Copy ~~Attest~~ James W White Town Clerk

Grafton November 4th 1862

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs. met in the Vestry of the West Church pursuant to the foregoing Warrant on Tuesday the fourth day of November in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty two. it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month for the purpose of bringing in their Votes to the Selectmen. for the Several Offices named in said Warrant. — The Meeting was called to Order by Jonathan D. Wheelock Esq Chairman of the Selectmen and the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk — Notice was then given by the Chairman of the Selectmen that there was then an Opportunity for any person who was a legal Voter in this town whose name was not born upon the List of Voters in this town to come forward and have their name put upon the list — As no One came forward for that purpose. a motion was made by Barnabas Newton that the Polls be closed at three Oclock this afternoon an Amendment to the motion of Mr Newton was Offered by Willard D Wheeler. "That the Polls should not be closed before three Oclock P.M. . amendment carried in the Affirmative — Then Voted to close the Polls at three Oclock this afternoon —

At half past One Oclock in the afternoon a number of persons appeared whose names were not upon the List of Voters and who desired to Vote — The Selectmen having given Notice when the List of Voters was posted that "no name would be put upon the List after the Polls were Opened to receive Votes" It was on motion Voted that the Town "Instruct" the Selectmen to put upon the List of Voters the names of all persons. who Shall present them with Sufficient evidence of their qualification as Voters. and that the Voting be now Suspended for half an hour for the said purpose —

Cont

On Motion Voted to reconsider the vote passed at the Opening of this Meeting whereby the Polls were to be closed at three Oclock P.M.-

On Motion Voted to close the Polls at four Oclock this P.M.

At four Oclock P.M. the Votes having all been cast the Polls were closed. and the votes having all been sorted, counted, Recorded and the Returns of the same made out Signed and Sealed up in Open Town Meeting and the same declared by the Town Clerk as follows Viz-

The Whole Number of Votes for Governor was four hundred and Sixty One 461

John A Andrew of Boston had three hundred and nineteen votes 319
Charles Devens Jr of Worcester had One hundred and forty two votes 142

The Whole number of Votes for Lieutenant Governor was four hundred and Sixty four 464

Joel Hayden of Williamsburg had three hundred and Eighteen votes- 318
Thomas F Plunkett of Pittsfield had One hundred and forty Six votes 146

The Whole number of votes for Secretary of the Commonwealth was four hundred & Sixty Six 466

Oliver Warner of Northampton had three hundred and nineteen votes- 319
Nathaniel B Shurtleff of Boston had One hundred and forty Seven votes. 147

The Whole number of Votes for Treasurer of the Commonwealth was four hundred & Sixty Six 466

Henry K Oliver of Salem had three Hundred and nineteen Votes 319
Daniel Saunders Jr of Lawrence had One hundred and forty Seven Votes 147

The Whole Number of Votes for Auditor was four hundred and Sixty Six 466

Levi Reed of Abington had three hundred and nineteen Votes 319
Charles Kimball of Ipswich had One hundred and forty Seven Votes. 147

The Whole number of votes for Attorny General was four hundred and Sixty four 464

Dwight Foster of Worcester had three hundred and Seventeen Votes. 317
Henry W Paine of Cambridge had One hundred and forty Seven Votes 147

The Whole Number of Votes for Councellor for District No. Six was four hundred & Sixty One 461

Jonathan D Wheeler of Grafton had three hundred and Seventeen Votes- 317
Aaron Kimball of Brookfield had One hundred and forty One Votes 141

The Whole number of Votes for Senator for the East Worcester District was four hundred & Sixty three 463

Hosea Crane of Millbury had three hundred and Seventeen Votes 317

Horatio N. Bigelow of Clinton had One hundred and forty Six. Votes 146

The Whole Number of Votes for Representative to Congress from District No. Eight was four hundred Sixty One 461

John D. Baldwin. of Worcester had. three hundred and twenty Votes- 320

Paul Whitin of Northbridge had One hundred and forty One Votes 141

The Whole number of Votes for Representative to Congress to fill Vacancy in the Old ninth District was four hundred and Sixty five 465

Amasa Walker of North Brookfield had three hundred and nineteen Votes 319

Isaac Davis of Worcester had One hundred and forty Six Votes 146

The Whole number of Votes for County Commissioner was four hundred and Sixty four 464

Amory Holman of Bolton had four hundred and Sixty four Votes 164

The Whole Number of Votes for Special Commissioners was four hundred and Sixty three 463

William H Davis of Webster had three hundred and Sixteen Votes. 316

David F. Parmenter of Holden had three hundred and Sixteen Votes. 316

William Bennett of Hubbardston had One hundred and forty Seven Votes 147

Horatio N Tower of Worcester had One hundred and forty Six Votes 146

The whole number of votes for Sheriff for the County of Worcester was four hundred & sixty three 463

John S C Knowlton of Worcester had three hundred and Seventeen votes 317

George W Richardson of Worcester had One hundred and forty Six votes 146

The whole number of votes for District Attorney for the middle District of Massachusetts. was four hundred & fifty four 454

P. Emory Aldrich of Worcester had four hundred and fifty four votes 454

The Whole number of votes for four Commissioners of Insolvency was four hundred and Sixty three 463

E B Hoddard of Worcester had three hundred and Sixteen votes- 316

Francis L King of Worcester had three hundred and Sixteen votes 316

J H Stockwell of Webster had three hundred and Sixteen votes. 316

Samuel Clark of Northborough had three hundred and Sixteen votes 316

George G Parker of Milford had one hundred and forty Seven votes 147

Nathaniel Wood of Fitchburg had One hundred and forty Seven votes. 147

William S Davis of Worcester had. One hundred and forty Seven votes. 147

William A Williams of Worcester. had One hundred and forty Six votes 146

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The Whole Number of Votes for Representative to Represent the Seventeenth District in Worcester County in the General Court to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next was four hundred and Sixty Three — 463

Samuel B Dolliver of Grafton had One hundred and forty Six Votes — 146

William S Scandlin of Grafton had Three hundred and Seventeen Votes 317
and was Elected — — —

The Business of the Meeting having been all transacted The Meeting was Dissolved —

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton November 4th A D 1862

The inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Vestry of the West church at two Oclock P M pursuant to warrant and transacted the following business viz

1st By Ballot chose Willard D Thurber Moderator —

Took up the second article in the warrant — and on Motion Voted that the Selectmen take measures when practicable and when requested by friends to convey home for Burial, the bodies of Officers and Soldiers belonging to Our Town who from any cause have died or may die in Our Country's Service — —

Took up the third article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to refer the subject matter of this article to the Selectmen —
Then voted to dissolve this Meeting —

Attest James W White Town Clerk

We the Undersigned Selectmen of the Towns of Sutton and Grafton having met this day agreeably to notice from the Selectmen of Sutton that being the most Ancient Town. for the purpose of renewing the Bounds and perambulating the line between said Towns. have attended to that duty and make the following

Report.

Beginning at a Stone Monument at the corner of Sutton Grafton and Millbury and Marked S. G. & M. thence S 1° 38'E 113 rods to a Stone Monument thence due East. 388¼ Rods to a Stone Monument.

On the first line it was 288 rods to the first road and 362 rods to the Boston road. On the first road the distance is not correct enough for record owing to the Shape of the road. the Bounds would be some distance more — We have also Erected Stone Monuments at each croping of the Public Highways —

Sutton Dec 16th 1862

Israel A Dodge } Selectmen
Joel Houghton } of Sutton

John McClellan } Selectmen
Jos B Adams } of Grafton

A True Copy Recvd January 26th AD 1863
Attest

James F White Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and held at Worcester within and for the County of Worcester on the fourth Tuesday of December it being the thirty third day of said Month A D 1862 and by adjournments to Wednesday Janr. D 1863.

Whereas William F Wheler an inhabitant of the Town of Grafton by his petition has represented that the public convenience and necessity require that the County road leading from Grafton in said County to Upton be straightened and the location altered from a point in said Grafton on said road at the southwesterly corner of Land of Dennis Warren. Occupied by Mrs Josiah H Hammond, and at corner of Lands of William H Brown. thence running in a South Easterly direction by lands of said Brown and Over lands of said William F Wheler to a point on said road about three hundred and forty five feet from the first mentioned point at or near the point where the line of said Browns Land intersects said road—

On the petition aforesaid the County Commissioners caused notice to be given to all persons and corporations interested therein. that said Commissioners would meet at the "Hassanamisco" House" in Grafton aforesaid on Tuesday the fifteenth day of April last. at Eleven of the Clock in the forenoon. by publishing an Attested Copy of said petition and of this Order thereon in the Massachusetts Spy a newspaper printed in Worcester in said County three weeks successively. the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the day last aforesaid. And it is further Ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy. serve the Town Clerk of said Town of Grafton with an Attested Copy of said Petition and Order. thirty days at least. and also post up an Attested Copy thereof in two public places in said Town of Grafton fourteen days at least. before the day last aforesaid. at which time and place the said Commissioners would proceed to view the road and route set forth in said petition. to hear.

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all persons and Corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard thereon, and if they should adjudge that the the prayer of said petition ought to be granted then to alter the highway aforesaid between said points as prayed for, and to assess such damages as any person or Corporation may sustain by the alteration aforesaid, and to do whatever else may legally be done in the premises -

The County Commissioners having met at the time and place and for the purposes before mentioned and having in company with the Petitioner and his Attorney Wm F Slocum Esq of said Grafton, no one appearing for said Town of Grafton, viewed the road and route described in said petition and the route proposed as an alteration thereof - and having heard all persons and Corporations interested therein who Expressed a desire to be heard thereon, and after mature consideration of the whole subject, considered and adjudged that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, and that so much of said County road leading from Grafton in said County to Upton as is between a point in said Grafton on said road at the South Westerly corner of land of Dennis Warren occupied by Mrs Josiah H. Hammond, and at corner of lands of William H Brown, thence running in a South Easterly direction by Lands of said Brown, and Ovd Land of William F Wheelock and a point on said road about three hundred and forty feet feet from the first mentioned point at or near the the point where the line of said Browns Land intersects said road be altered

No person appearing to Object thereto, the County Commissioners proceeded forthwith to lay Out and locate an alteration of said County road leading from Grafton in said County to Upton as follows to wit -

Commensing at a hole drilled in a Stone Monument Embedded in the ground and numbered 1 on the Northerly Side line of said County road at the South-westerly corner of land of Dennis Warren Occupied by Mrs Josiah H Hammond and lands of William H. Brown. said Monument bears from the North East

corner of the dwelling House of Wm F Wheeler of Said Grafton North 6¾. East and is five rods and Eight links distant therefrom. Thence in Said Grafton on the Northerly Side of Said Grafton road South 30° East four rods and twenty three links to a hole drilled in a Stone monument Embedded in the Ground and numbered 2. From a point at No 1 to a point ten links wide at monument No 2 on the Northerly line is Over land of William F Wheeler. the rest of the location is Over Said Grafton road. Thence South 38° East four rods and twenty links to a hole drilled in a Stone monument Embedded in the ground and numbered 3 - at ten links wide at monument No 2 to a point One rod and Seven links wide at monument No 3 on the Northerly Side of location is Over land of Wm F Wheeler. the rest of location is Over Said Grafton road. Thence South 44° East Six rods and four links to a hole drilled in a Stone monument Embedded in the ground and numbered 4. From a point One rod and Seven links wide at monument No 3 to a point nineteen links wide at monument No 4 on the Northerly line of location is Over Land of William F Wheeler the rest of the location is Over Said Grafton road-

Thence South 52° East five rods twelve links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument and Embedded in the ground and numbered 5- From a point nineteen links wide at monument No 4 running to a point at monument No 5 is Over Land of Wm F Wheeler the rest of location is Over Said Grafton Road. Monument No 5 is near where land of Said William H Brown intersects with the aforSaid County road leading from Grafton to Upton- Said road is located three rods wide from monument No 3. From Stone monument No 3 the road is located three rods wide converging to two rods and Eleven links wide at monument No 5. The above location is South of and adjoining to the above described Stone Monuments.

The above alteration and location is all of Said Grafton road and lands of Wm F Wheeler who claims no damage. and none was allowed him. And the Said Wm F Wheeler agrees at his Own Expense to construct

and make the road agreably to the location above discribed in a neat and workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners. Said road or Situation to be made and completed on or before the 20th of June A D 1863

Commissioner Holman was present at the adjudication and took part in all the proceedings but on account of Sickness was not present when the report was put in and did not Sign the report

Octavius Taft. }
J Warren Bigelow } County Commissioners

L.S.
A Copy Attest Wm F Smith Asst. Clerk

A True Copy Rec. January 27 A.D. 1863.
Attest James M White Town Clerk Grafton

We the Undersigned Selectmen of the Towns of Grafton and Northbridge having met this day agreeably to notice from the Selectmen of Grafton, that being the most Ancient Town, for the purpose of renewing the Bounds and perambulating the lines between said towns, have attended to that duty, and make the following - Report. -

Beginning at a Stone Monument near where the School House formerly Stood and near the road leading by the late Pliny Slocombs to Northbridge centre - Thence N 8 3/4 20' E 210 Rods to a Stone Monument on land of Horace Batchelor - Thence S. 80 1/4 E. 600 rods to a Stone Monument at the corner of Grafton Upton and Northbridge marked. G. U & N. - We have also Erected Stone monuments at each crossing of the Public Highways - Grafton December — 1862 -

Joel Batchelor
I F Smith
} Selectmen of Northbridge

John McClellan
A W Rice
} Selectmen of Grafton

A Copy Received February 7th 1863
James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Vestry of the West Church in said Grafton on Monday the Second day of March next at nine Oclock A M to Act on the following Articles to Wit —

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting —

" 2d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the Year Ensuing

" 3d To hear the Report of the Selectmen and Act thereon —

" 4th To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer and Act thereon —

" 5th To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and act thereon —

" 6th To hear the Report of the Collector of Taxes and act thereon —

" 7th To hear the Report of the Engineers and Act thereon —

" 8th To hear the Report of the Genral School Committee and act thereon —

" 9th To hear the Report of the Trustees of River Side Cemetery and Act thereon —

" 10th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery and act thereon —

" 11th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways. Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year —

" 12th To raise Such Sum of Money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year and make appropriations of the Same and act thereon

" 13th To See What discount the Town will make to those persons. who Shall Voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within Such periods of time as the Town Shall direct, and determine when all Taxes Shall be collected and paid into the Treasury. and fix the compensation of the Collector and act thereon.

" 14th To See what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the Ensuing Year and act thereon -

" 15th To See What compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the Year Ensuing and act thereon

" 16th To See whether the Town will abolish or continue their School District System or act thereon -

" 17th To See if the Town will Authorize the Prudential Committees in the Several School Districts to employ the School Teachers in their respective Districts or act thereon -

" 18th To See will accept the list of names prepared by the Selectmen. to be placed in the Jury Box or act thereon -

" 19th To See if the Town will abate the Tax for 1862 against L N Leland & Son or act thereon as requested by L N Leland -

" 20th To See if the Town will provide for the Liquidation and payment of their Town Debt. or any part thereof by issuing bonds payable at future times,

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with interest. and to fix upon the manner of issuing Such bonds. and their form, and terms and rates of interest, and the time and manner of disposal and payment of the Same, or act thereon as petitioned for by Wm F Slocum and Others –

" 21st To See if the Town will re-organize Pine Grove Cemetery. and choose the Trustees in the Same manner and with the Same powers as the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery. or act thereon –

" 22d To See if the Town will repair the Tomb in the Old Burying Ground. or cause the Same to be removed to Riverside Cemetery. and the Wall around the Old Burying Ground repaired and the ground improved by Setting trees or otherwise Ornamenting the Same or act thereon

" 23 To determine the place within the Town where the High School Shall be kept the Ensuing Year

" 24th To See if the Town will cause one of the Church Bells in the Centre of the Town to be rung at twelve Oclock M. and at nine Oclock P M or act thereon

" 25th To hear the Report of any Outstanding Committee and act thereon –

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of Said Town. and at the Post Offices in New England Village. Farmums Vill and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said meeting –

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant. with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given Under Our hands this Sixteenth day of February in the Year of Our Lord. One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty three

Jon^{a} D Wheeler
John McClellan
A W Rice
Jos. B Adams
Cyrus D Aldrich
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. March 2^{d} 1863

I have Served the foregoing Warrant. by Posting up an Attested copy thereof. at the Post Office in the centre of Said and at the Post Offices in New England Village. Farnums bill and Saunders Village. Seven days at least. before the time for holding Said meeting

S D Hall. Constable of Grafton

The inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Town affairs met in the Vestry of the "West Church" in Said Grafton of Monday the Second day of March A D 1863. at nine Oclock A M. in accordance with the foregoing Warrant. and transacted the following business. Viz

Being the Annual Meeting. it was called to Order by the Town Clerk. and S D Hall was by Ballot. Chosen Moderator of Said Meeting.

Prayer By the Rev^{d} Gilbert Robbins

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Took up the 2d Article in the Warrant.
On Motion of Willard D Wheeler it was Voted "That we choose a Town Clerk. five Selectmen. a Town Treasurer three Overseers of the Poor. three Assessors. One Genral School Committee for three Years. and one Genral School Committee for two Years. One Trustee of Riverside Cemetery. and five Constables. the Votes for all of said Officers to be brought in on one Ballot"

The Votes for all the above Officers having been given in. Sorted and counted the following persons were declared Elected. Viz:

James W White for Town Clerk who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by S D Hall Moderator of said Meeting

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John McClellan Sworn March 2 1863 by S D Hall Moderator
Joseph B Adams Sworn March 2 1863 by S D Hall Moderator
Lowell White Sworn March 2 1863 by J W White Town Clerk
Jasper S Nelson Sworn March 3 1863 by J W White Town Clerk
John B White Sworn March 2 1863 by J W White Town Clerk
for Selectmen for the Year Ensuing.

Horace S Warren. Town Treasurer. for the Year Ensuing who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by J W White Town Clerk March 2 1863.

Samuel Harrington. Sworn March 2 1863 by J W White Town Clerk
Stephen R White Sworn April 6 1863 by me J W White T Clerk
Samuel A Knox Sworn March 2 1863 by J W White Town Clerk
for Overseers of the Poor for the Year Ensuing

Winthrop Faulkner Declined, Saml Harrington Chosen & Sworn
Gilbert C Taft April 6 1863 by me J W White Town Clerk
Chandler M Pratt Sworn May 11 1863 by J W White Town Clerk
Assessors for the Year Ensuing

Gilbert Robbins for three years. accepted
William Miller for two years accepted
for Genral School Committee –

George F Slocomb for Trustee of Riverside Cemetery –

S D Hall Sworn March 2 1863. by J W White Town Clerk –
W D Wheeler Declined
S C Knox Declined
C C Willis Declined
Wm G Palmer declined
for Constables for the Year Ensuing –

On Motion Voted to pass over the remainder of the second article for the present. and take up the Sixteenth article in the Warrant –

Art 16th. On Motion Voted to continue the School District System –

Art 17th Took up the Seventeenth article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to Authorize the Prudential Committee in the Several School Districts to employ the School Teachers in their respective Districts the ensuing Year –

Art 18. Took up the Eighteenth Article in the Warrant. The List of Names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the "Jury Box" for the Year Ensuing was presented and accepted as follows Viz

"The following is a List of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box for the Year Ensuing –

Grafton February 16th 1863

Seth J Axtell. Joseph B Adams Luke F Allen
Cyrus D Aldrich Jefferson Bellows William T Barker
Horace P Brown. Edward B Bigelow William H Brown
S P Champney Calvin Chisbe John P Crosby –

Francis Carroll John M Davenport Sumner Dunsmore
Samuel B Dolliver Loren Davis John W & Babcock
George W & Babcock. Winthrop Faulkner Noah Fletcher
Hiram Fernald. Benj^n W Fay William A Fiske
Charles Goddard Jr. J Augustus Goddard J J Goodrich
Levi C Heywood George W How. William H Harrington
Uriah B Johnson George F Jourdan Royal A. Keith
Elijah B Knowlton Charles B Knight Levi N Leland
Rodney Leland Lawson Munyan James Martin
James C McClellan Benj^n K Moulton John M Newton
James C Putnam Leander S Pratt. John Putnam
Henry C Prentice A W Rice George H Rugg
Jon^a W How. Esek Saunders. John C Sinclair
John A Sweetser. Silas Vinton Moses C Woodbury
Jon^a D Wheeler John Whitney Lowel White
Frederick Waterman Jonathan Warren Stephen R White
Horace S Warren Rufus C Warren Willard D Wheeler
Nathaniel C Whitney Clark C Willis. David White
Andrew H White. Horatio Cogswell. Perley Goddard

Art 19. Took up the nineteenth article in the Warrant and On motion Voted to abate. So much of L N Leland & Son's Tax for 1862 as was assessed upon their Shop and Machinery which has been Burned Since the Tax was Assessed — and also.
Voted that the new Board of Assessors be authorized to give an Abatement Order to L N Leland & Son for the Same —

Art 20th Took up the twentieth article in the Warrant and On motion Voted to refer the Subject matter contained in this Article to a Committee of five persons to be nominated by the Moderator of this meeting and the Selectmen. whose duty it Shall be to investigate the Subject and Report at an adjournment of this meeting —

The Moderator and Selectmen nominated the following persons who were by vote Elected for said Committee viz William F Slocum. Jon^{a} D Wheler. Esek Saunders. A M Bigelow and Willard D Wheler --

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Art 11 Took up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant. and on motion Voted to Repair the Highways Town ways and and Bridges of less than Eight feet Sluice. the ensuing year by a Labor Tax. and that all Bridges of Eight feet Sluice and more be repaired by the Selectmen -

On motion Voted to allow twelve and one half cents (12½) per hour for the Labor of Men and Oxen -

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Art 3^{d} Took up the Third Article in the Warrant.

The Selectmen's Report having been prepared and Printed was presented. and after the correction of One Typographical Error on Page Eight (8) it was accepted as follows -

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Selectmen's Report

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton -

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the close of their Official duties for the year Ending March 2^{d} 1863. Submit the following Report of the condition of the Town -

They have Settled with Horace S Warren Treasurer of Said Town and find his account. correct and as follows -

1862 Dr

March 10	. Cash Borrowed of Allen & Flagg		300	00
April 6	" Received of R E Warren. Collector for	1861	300	00
" 14	" " of Benj^{a} Boynton.	Dog Fine	10	00
" 24	" Borrowed of Jos. Kimball		500	00
" 29	" Received of Wm R Hill on Act. of A Remick		8	00
May 5	" Borrowed of W Faulkner.		1000	00

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May	31	Cash Borrowed of Otis Norcross	1000	00	
July	4	" Recived of James W White for Dog Licinses	75	00	
"	15	" Borrowed of B Newton	1000	00	
"	"	" Rec'd of State Treasurer on Act of School Fund	177	63	
"	22	" Borrowed of Millbury Bank	3500	00	
Aug	26	" Rec'd Interest on U S Treasury Note Six Months	36	50	
	"	" " Premium on Gold for Same	5	38	
Sept	1	" Rec'd of B Newton Collector for 1862	1000	00	
"	"	" Borrowed of B Newton.	3600	00	
Oct	22	" Rec'd for Cattle Killed by Order of State Com'rs	322	40	
Nov	5	" " of R E Warren Collector for 1861	100	00	
"	17	" Borrowed of Grafton Bank	3000	00	
Nov.	29	" Rec'd from State Treasurer for State Aid	1042	53	
"	"	" from same for burial of State Paupers	22	50	
Dec	1	" Rec'd of B Newton Collector for 1862	5083	35	
"	5	" Borrowed of Joseph Adams	1000	00	
"	6	" Borrowed of Otis Norcross	3122	32	
"	20	" Rec'd of B Newton Collector for 1862	100	00	
1863 Jan	1	" Rec'd do " " "	1177	00	
"	3	" Rec'd do " " "	1100	00	
"	19	" Rec'd do " " "	200	00	
"	30	" Rec'd do " " "	100	00	
Feb	3	" Rec'd do " " "	200	00	
"	14	" Rec'd do " " "	100	00	
"	20	" Rec'd of James W White for Dog Licenses	11	90	
"	"	" Rec'd of same for Cloth	2	16	
"	21	" Rec'd of B Newton Collector for 1862	145	45	
"	23	" Rec'd Interest on U S Treas'y Note Six Mos.	36	50	
"	"	" " Premium on Gold for Same	22	63	
"	"	" Rec'd for Circus Licens'e	5	00	
"	"	" Rec'd for W D Wheeler's Auctioneer's Licens'e	2	00	
"	"	" Rec'd for Lot of Old Bridge Timber	3	00	
"	"	" Rec'd of Town of Northbridge half Expenses of Surveying Town Lines	2	75	
"	"	" for Army Blankets & Mittens	66	98	
"	"	" for Exp's on Soldiers Returned Clothing	1	62	
"	"	" of R E Warren Collector for 1861	300	00	15082 60

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Paid 66 Wood and Wm Miller.	District No	1	693	49		
" Benj Heywood	"	" 2	146	65		
" Lawson Munyan	"	" 3	161	63		
" Lewis Whitney	"	" 4	153	98		
" George F Jourdan	"	" 5	135	00		
" Otis Aldrich	"	" 6	323	61		
" John A Sweetser	"	" 7	148	65		
" Joseph B Adams	"	" 8	142	98		
" Clary J Legate	"	" 9	482	26		
" Charles Fowler	"	" 10	153	98		
" E B Knowlton	"	" 11	160	65	2706	88
Paid C. G. G. Paine Teacher of	High School		368	84		
" H L Read "	"	"	350	00		
" Rent of Building to Oct. 9th 1862	"	"	270	00		
" Fuel for "			39	24		
" Repairs on Stove Coal Hod &c.			9	17		
" Care of School Room			33	28	1070	53
Paid Frank Nichols Services as Gen'l School Committee for		1861	68	75		
" T C Biscoe Same		"	79	00		
" William Miller Same			89	25		
" William F Slocum Services as Gen'l School Committee for		1860	30	75	267	75
Paid Sundry Persons for Breaking Roads and Shoveling Snow			66	91		
" " for Railing Highways and repairing Bridges			150	62	217	53
Paid E P Dennis Chief Engineer of Fire Department			860	00		
" Refreshments for Firemen at Fires			61	00	921	00

Paid State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester					
" for Support of Susan L Wheelock		114	66		
" State Lunatic Hospital for Support of Mary Cooper		30	64	145	30
" S Harrington Overseer of the Poor				849	96
" W. Faulkner. Services as Assessor.	1862	53	25		
" Robert Mowry " " "	"	25	50		
" Lawson Munyan " " "	"	69	75		
" Books & Stationary for Assessors	"	14	03	162	53
" for Printing Warrants, Notices, Reports, &c				106	28
" . Re binding Record Books injured by fire		40	95		
" . New Record and Order Books		29	41	70	36
" . Office fixtures Stationary &c.				52	29
" J W White . Extra writing				29	30
" Selectmens Services for Year Ending March 1862				202	50
" for Fuel and Light for Office				24	89
" " Repairs on Town Hall .				396	14
" " Recording Marriages. Births & Deaths				34	70
" . Posting Warrants and notifying Town Officers Ellect				17	89
" " Collecting Taxes				127	23
" Night Watch and Service rendered at fire				10	50
" Rent of Office in Warren Block				17	88

Paid for Mowing Old Burying Ground and repairing Gates			15 10
" " Repairs on Pound			1 00
" Families of Volunteers. Statistics as per Statment Annexed			676 50
" C D Aldrich for Services in paying families as above			40 00
" Expenses in Recruiting for three years and for nine months Services	101 71		
" Expenses incured in procuring Exemptions from Draft and reduction of quotas	92 15		193 86
" Amount of Bounties for Volunteers for for three years and nine months Services	1700 00		
" Town of Sutton for Seven Men Transfered to fill Towns Quota	1050 00	8950 00	
" N G Whitney Services as Sexton to March 2d 1862	32 60		
do. do. to Feb. 13th 1863	60 20		
" Charles Daniels Services as Sexton to September 2. 1862	83 70		
" Josiah Hall Services as Sexton to December 23 - 1862	10 40	186 90	
" Expenses incured in procuring the Bodies of Deceased Soldiers			377 92
" for Surveying Town Lines and Setting Monuments			22 18

Paid	Balance due for Ringing Bell for Year Ending April 1st 1862			22 00
"	Dr C W Barns for Vaccinations			38 25
"	C C Miles Damage caused by defect in Highway	7 00		
"	L C Andrews Do do	2 50		9 50
"	J S Whittemore for Distributing Envelopes at Election			1 00
"	J B Adams. for Mooving Safe			4 00
"	Wm F Slocum. for professional Services			5 50
"	David White Expres on Soldiers Returned Clothing	2 70		
"	Expres and use of Teams	16 04		18 74
"	For Cattle belonging to Pratt & Houghton killed by Order of State Commissioners	352 50		
"	Appraisers of the Same.	9 00		
	C N Holden for Butchering Same	6 00		
"	For 1 Cattle belonging to Oaks Copeland killed by Order of State Commissioners	32 00		
"	Appraisers of Same	3 00		
"	C B Knowlton for Butchering Same	50	403	00
	J McClellan Damage to Sheep by Dogs	2 00		
"	C R Smith " " "	4 00	6	00
"	M Quinby. Repairing Fire Hooks		5	01
"	Sundry items		17	25

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		1862					
March	18		Paid Interest to State Treasurer on Towns Note		45	00	
April	1	"	R E Warren Over draft on Treasurer,	1861	1781	12	
"	"	"	" " " Interest on Same		8	90	
"	18	"	State Lunatic Hospital Bill		70	68	
May	20	"	Interest to W Faulkner		80	00	
"	31	"	Note to Allen & Flagg		1000	00	
"	"	"	Interest On Same		28	17	
"	"	"	Note to Winthrop Faulkner		1000	00	
"	"	"	Interest on Same		1	83	
"	"	"	Note to State Treasurer		1500	00	
"	"	"	Interest On Same		19	00	
June	2	"	Note to Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank		2000	00	
"	"	"	Interest on Same		50	33	
Sept	5	"	Note to Winthrop Faulkner		1000	00	
"	"	"	Interest on Same		20	00	
"	6	"	Note to Joseph Kimball		500	00	
"	"	"	Interest on Same		11	00	
"	10	"	Interest to Allen & Flagg on $3000.		90	00	
"	"	"	Insurance Policy		7	00	
Nov	1	"	One half County Tax		1177	35	
"	29	"	State Tax for 1862		3906	00	
Dec	1	"	B Newton's Notes		4600	00	
"	"	"	Interest on Same		58	85	
"	"	"	Otis Norcross Interest on $1000.00 Six Months		175	00	
1863 Jan	1	"	Balance of County Tax		1177	00	
"	20	"	Interest to Millbury Bank on $3,500 Six Mos.		87	50	
		"	Selectmens Orders.		24511	92	
		"	Assessors Orders Abatment of Taxes-		182	52	45039 17
			Whole Amount Received				45082 60
			Whole Amount Paid				45039 17
			Leaving a balance in Treasury				43 43

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Resources of the Town

Balance in hands of Treasurer		43 43	
Uncollected Taxes for 1860		164 90	
" " " 1861		592 35	
" " " 1862		534 92	
U S Treasury Note bearing interest at 7 3/10 percent		1000 00	
Town Farm and buildings thereon		6000 00	
Personal Property on Farm		2456 39	
Three Fire Engines and Fixtures		3417 00	
Three Engine Houses Hook and Ladder House & Land		2350 00	
Hook & Ladder Carriage & Apparatus		425 00	
Safe and Office Fixtures		125 00	
Amount in hands of Signed Agent		221 40	
" Due from the Town of Wrentham		7 00	
" Due from State on Act of State Paupers		10 00	
" of Aid to be Reimbursed from State		6229 60	
Balance in hands of Engineers		9 41	
Cash in Hands of C A Price Both Agt.		77 06	
Books " " " "		39 55	23703 01

Liabilities of the Town (Notes)

Otis Norcross	10123 32		
Interest	127 00		10249 32
Millbury Bank	3300 00		
Interest	15 00		3315 00
Easton Bank	3000 00		
Interest	40 00		3040 00
Allen & Flagg	3000 00		
Interest	75 00		3075 00
Joseph Adams	1000 00		
Interest	12 00		1012 00
			20,891 32

At the following named places. Guide Boards are Erected and maintained within the Town as follows-

At the corner of the Roads. near Warren Block- near J D Wheeler's- near S H Allen's- near William Wallace's.- near S. H Allens Barn- Northerly of the residence of F Waterman- near the Indian Burying ground- near Farnums bill School House- near the Store of A Morse- near Jefferson Bellows'- near Farnums bill Depot. Near Nelson Ferrys- near Austin Holbrooks- near H T Eddys- near Saunders' Store- near J McClellan's- near the House known as the Bush Tavern- near Charles Daniels'- at Each of the corners Northerly of the Old burying ground- near the Quinsigamond House- New England Village- near H B Fairbanks near Widow C T Fay's near House on Town Farm- near Meeting House in New England Village- near J W Putnams- Northerly of the House of James Houghton- near Watervill School House- near Joseph Kimballs- at two places between the two last named places- near Widow H J Batt- near Calvin Clisbees on Barn of B W Fay- near L A Lelands- westerly of George Dunn's- near William A Fiskes near Jonathan Sibleys- near Joseph Bruces and near Capt. Benjamin Aldriches-

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Jon D Wheeler
John McClellan
A W Rice
Jos. B Adams
Cyrus D Aldrich
} Selectmen of Grafton

Art 4th Took up the fourth article in the Warrant The Treasurers Report having been Printed with Other Reports was by vote accepted as follows

Treasurer's Report

Town of Grafton in Account with Horace S Warren Treas

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1862		To paying R E Warren. Overdraft on Treasury for 1861			1781	12	
		To paying Interest on Same			8	90	1790 02
March	18	To " Interest to State Treasurer on Towns Note			45	00	
Apl.	18	" . State Lunatic Hospital Bill			70	68	
May	20	" Interest to Winthrop Faulkner			30	00	
"	31	" Note to Allen & Flagg			1000	00	
"	"	. Interest On Same			28	17	
"	"	" Note to Winthrop Faulkner			1000	00	
"	"	" Interest on Same			1	83	
"	"	" Note to State Treasurer			1500	00	
"	"	" Interest On Same			19	00	
June	2	" Note to Worcester Mech. Sav's Bank			2000	00	
"	"	" Interest On Same			50	38	
Sept	5	" Note to Winthrop Faulkner			1000	00	
"	"	" Interest on Same			20	00	
"	6	" Note to Joseph Kimball			500	00	
"	"	" Interest on Same			11	00	
"	10	" Interest to Allen & Flagg on $3000-			90	00	
"	"	" Insurance Policy			7	00	
Nov	1	" One half County Tax			1177	35	
"	29	" State Tax for 1862			3906	00	
Dec	1	" Barnabas Newtons Notes -			4600	00	
"	"	" Interest On Same			58	85	
"	"	" Otis Norcross- 6 mos Interest on $7000.			175	00	
1863	Jan	1 " One Half County Tax			1177	00	
"	20	" 6 mos Interest on $3500.- at Millbury Bank			87	50	
"	"	" Selectmens Orders			24571	92	
"	"	" Assessors Orders Abatement of Taxes			182	52	45039 17

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1862						
March	10	By	Cash Borrowed of Allen & Flagg	3000	00	
Apl	6	"	" Rcd of R E Warren Collector for 1861	300	00	
"	14	"	" Rcd. of Benj^n Boynton for Dog Fine	10	00	
"	24	"	" Borrowed of Joseph Kimball	500	00	
"	29	"	" Rec^d of Wm R Hill on Acct of A Remick	8	00	
May	5	"	" Borrowed of Winthrop Faulkner	1000	00	
"	31	"	" Borrowed of Otis Norcross	7000	00	
July	4	"	" Rec^d of James W White for Dog Licenses	75	00	
"	15	"	" Borrowed of B Newton	1000	00	
"	"	"	" Rec^d of State Treasurer on Acct of School Fund	171	63	
"	22	"	" Borrowed of Millbury Bank	3500	00	
Aug	26	"	" Rec^d Interest on U.S. Treasury Note	36	50	
"	"	"	" Rec^d for Gold rec^d for same	5	38	
Sept	1	"	" Rec^d of Barnabas Newton Collector for 1862	7000	00	
"	"	"	" Borrowed of B Newton	3600	00	
Oct	22	"	" Rec^d from State Treasurer for Cattle Killed	322	40	
Nov	5	"	" Rec^d of R C Warren Collector for 1861	100	00	
"	17	"	" Borrowed of Grafton Bank	3000	00	
"	29	"	" Rec^d from State Treasurer for State Aid	1642	53	
"	"	"	" Rec^d from State Treasurer for Burying State Paupers	22	50	
Dec	1	"	" Rec^d of B Newton Collector for 1862	5083	35	
"	5	"	" Borrowed of Joseph Adams	1000	00	
"	6	"	" Borrowed of Otis Norcross	3122	32	
"	20	"	" Rec^d of B Newton Collector for 1862	100	00	
1863 Jany	1	"	" " " " "	1179	00	
"	3	"	" " " " "	1100	00	
"	19	"	" " " " "	200	00	
"	30	"	" " " " "	100	00	
Feb	3	"	" " " " "	200	00	
"	14	"	" " " " "	100	00	
"	20	"	" Rec^d of James W White for Dog Licenses	11	90	
"	"	"	" " " for Cloth	2	16	
"	"	"	" Rec^d of B Newton Collector for 1862	145	45	
"	23	"	" " for Circus License	5	00	
"	"	"	" " of W D Wheeler for Auctioneers Licens	2	00	

Feb	23	By Cash. for Sot of Old Bridge Timber	3 00		
"	"	" " of Town of Northbridge ½ Expense of Surveying Town Lines	2 75		
"	"	" " for Army Blankets & Mittins	66 98		
"	"	" " for Express on returned Army Clothing	1 62		
"	"	" " of R E Warren Collector for 1861	300 00		
"	"	" " Interest on U S Treasury Note	36 50		
"	"	" " premium on Gold for Same	22 63	45082 60	
				45039 17	
		Leaving a Balance in hands of Treasurer		43 43	

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

H S Warren Treasurer

Grafton March 2d 1863

Art 5 - Took up the fifth article in the Warrant The Report of the Overseers of the Poor having been Printed with Other Reports - it was on motion voted to accept the same as printed which was as follows - viz -

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Report of the Overseers of the Poor —

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Grafton respectfully present to the inhabitants of Said Town their Annual Report of the cost of Supporting the Poor from March 1. 1862 to March 1st 1863 —

Amount of personal property on hand March 1st 1862. as per inventory	230 07	
Interest On Real Estate	300 00	
Agents Salary	281 00	
Labor Exclusive of Agents. Salary	2737	
Expenses on Farm for Stock Boarding Clothing Medical Attendance &c.	153 93	
Services of Overseers -	60 00	
	3730 97	

Amount of Personal Property on hand March 1st 1883		
as per Inventory	2456	39
Amount of Produce Sold the past Year	845	18
Extra Expenses for improvements	50	00
	3351	49
Leaving a Balance for Supporting Paupers on Farm	379	40

Whole number Supported or assisted on the farm the past Year 159, whole number of weeks 208. Average Cost per week 1 82

Cost of Supporting Paupers Off the Farm—

Sally Phillips	63	09
A J Harrington	26	36
Samuel Cisco	7	14
Peter Shurburt	7	04
John Aldrich	15	74
John R Smith	10	90
Mrs Redman	6	30
George T Clark	23	57
Jefferson Paine's family	28	43
Mrs Huss (Hughes)	16	77
Peter Tichey	17	00
Mrs Mat Smith	19	80
Mrs Joseph Bonner	17	85
Edward Terrell	5	38
Funeral Expenses of E Terrells Child	6	95
" " " Peter Bruno	12	50
" " " Mary A Cooper	10	60
" " " Peter Labree's Child	3	43
Mrs Ann Batchellor	60	00
John Keyes	4	46
Deborah Warren	36	00
Mrs Daniel McCurdy	2	00
Charles M Shurman	52	00
William S Gates	13	00
Carrie McCulloff	2	00
L C Harrington	52	00

Alice Hallam	9 65		
John McParlin	13 20		
Eliza Flagg	5 50		
Mrs Charles L Mitchell	5 00		
Mrs W H Fisher	1 00		
Mrs Cunningham	2 05		
Thomas Thompson	2 40		
Lucien N Pratt	16 65		
Lucinda Colwell	63 97	643	19

Refunded from the following Towns—

Belchertown for Lucinda Colwell	63 97		
Barre for Lucien N Pratt	16 65		
Due from the Town of Trenham	1 00		
Due from the State	10 00	91	62
Balance for Supporting Paupers off the Farm the present Year		548	17
Total Expense for Supporting Paupers the present Year		927	57

Valuation of Town Farm	6000 00	
" Personal Property	2456 39	8456 39

Before closing this Report we will say that all Bills due for the Support of Paupers to March first and the Agents Salary to April 1st are paid—

There are but two Paupers at the Farm—Mr Jacob Marble and Mr Otis Daniels. both Aged and infirm. Yet apparently Happy and contented—

There have been two deaths at the Farm the past year. Mr Larned Leland and Mr Daniel Prentice—

We have contracted with Mr L. Hockwell and Wife to remain at the Town Farm One Year from the 1st of April next and Superintend the Same. and We have Agreed to pay them for their Services two hundred and Eighty One Dollars ($281.) and they are to furnish all additional help in

the House at their own Expense-
During the last Year the crops on the Farm have been unusually light particularly the grass. Corn and Oats making the income of the Farm less than in many years past. The Brush was mostly cut in the months of August and September. There has been considerable labor performed upon about five Acres of rough bushy pasture Land by plowing and Sowing with Rye after drawing off Stones Sufficient to build some thirty Rods of Wall - We are of the Opinion that the Plow is the best implement for destroying brush where it can be advantagiously used- and we would recommend to continue to subdue the bushy pastures and bring them under cultivation that they may be made profitable, where they have been heretofore nearly worthless-

We have planted on Each Side of the Road in front of the Buildings on the Farm about one hundred Sugar Maple trees which will in a few years be an ornament to the Farm and a pleasant and refreshing Shade to the traveler. These trees were generously contributed to the Town by Mr S R White -

All of which is respectfully Submitted

J H Allen
Saml Harrington
S R White
} Overseers of the Poor

Art 6th Took up the Sixth article in the Warrant - The Report of the Collector of Taxes having been printed and distributed with the other printed reports it was on motion Voted to Accept the same as printed which was as follows - viz-

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Collectors Report

The Amount of Taxes committed by the Assessors of the Town of Grafton to Barnabas Newton Collector for 1862. is as follows-

1862 July 1st	Town Grant	$ 10000.00
"	County Order	2354,35
"	State Order	3906,00
"	Overlayings	178,28
	Total Tax	$ 16,438,63

1862 Sept 1	Cash paid Treasurer	7000.00
Dec 1	" " "	5083 35
" 20	" " "	100 00
1863 Jan 1	" " "	1177 00
" 3	" " "	1100 00
" 19	" " "	200,00
" 30	" " "	100,00
Feb 3	" " "	200 00
14	" " "	100,00
21	" " "	145 45
Discount on Taxes		697.91
Whole Amount Collected		$15,903 71

Leaving an Amount of Taxes Uncollected of $534.92 against the following Persons. for the Amount Set against their Respective names-

Adams Mrs Eunice	6	72	Bruno Peter	2	00
Aldrich James C	2	00	Batchelder Joseph	23	60
Babcock Amos R	2	00	Cushing Abner	2	00
Brooks Elijah B	25	71	Clark L. S.		10
Bent Edward	2	00	Cobb Roland	2	00
Bacon Adonijah	2	00	Congdon Seneca	6	72
Baker Henry	2	00	Clark Henry J	2	00
Ball Dexter D	2	00	Clear Martin	2	00
Bonnett Peter	2	00	Cutler Edward	2	00
Burrow Jerome	2	00	Craton Samuel	2	00
Benson Alonzo	2	00	Davis Olney	2	00

Dooley John	2	00	Labree Peter	2	00
Due Felix	2	00	Moore Joseph	2	00
Drury Stillman S	2	00	Mooney Daniel	2	00
Foote Wingate & Co	45	60	McCormick John	2	00
Fuller Emerson	2	00	McCormick David	2	00
Gifford William P	2	00	Maxwell Thomas	2	00
Green Joel S	2	00	Murphy Nicholas	2	00
Gavin Patrick	2	00	McFarlin John	2	00
Gardner Francis	2	00	Norton S.E.	2	00
Gage Warner B	2	00	Nolen William	2	00
Gera Alex	2	00	Newman George W	2	00
Glen —	2	00	Osier Lewis	2	00
Greenwood Levi	2	00	Owens Richard	2	00
Harrington Elijah	2	40	Plimpton D W	2	00
Harrington A J	2	00	Putnam William H	2	00
Hubbard D.B.	2	00	Proj. Paul	2	00
Holden N.K.	2	00	Pierce Charles F	2	00
Hancock Mrs Maria L	1	60	Pellican Paul	2	00
Hitchins John	5	36	Pratt Luke	2	00
How Adolphus.	2	88	Pierce John	2	00
Hawkins A A.	2	00	Pratt A.L.	2	00
Harnes Paul-	2	00	Plant Levi	2	00
Hayward W.H.	2	00	Pratt & M Admr Estate		
Johnson Job	2	00	of William Hand	12	12
Jourdan Elliot C.	21	30	Quinby B.F.	2	00
Keyes James-	2	00	Robinson Frderick	2	00
Keyes Warren C	2	00	Roods Marvin	2	00
Knapp William A	2	00	Roods Augustus	2	00
King John	2	00	Rumney James	2	06
King John. (Tammsville)	2	00	Randall Charles T	2	00
Lyden Alex	2	00	Rooney John	2	00
Lesure Mrs-	15	36	Schrider Frederick	2	00
Leland Levi N	27	20	Selby Wm Henry	2	00
Leland L N & Son	55	68	Sargent L M	2	00
Leland C J.	2	00	Summitt Paschal	2	12
Lesley Francis	2	29	Summitt Frank	1	00
Lapoint Peter	2	00	Summitt Paul	2	00
Leach William	2	00	Summitt Morid	2	00

Summers Peter	2	00	Whitcomb Edward	2	00
Sawyer Wm A	2	00	Wood Joseph	2	00
Smith Silas	2	00	Young Joseph	2	00
Sharon Dennis	2	16	Young John	2	00
Sibley Augustus	2	00	Non-Residents		
Stone Margaret L.	6	05	Cooper Abner (Heirs of)		96
Temple Alba T.	2	00	Carr Patrick		96
Vinson C M	51	31	Howe William Jr	3	82
Whitney George T	2	00	Rawson Widow	1	92
Wilson Robert	2	00	Sadler Samuel		96
Wheelock Sally (Estate of)	5	28	Slocomb Pliny		58
Wesson Calvin A.	2	00	Traverse Thomas	9	60
			Wood Alba T	2	88
				$53	92

All of which is Respectfully Submitted
Barnabas Newton - Collector

Grafton Feby 21st 1863-

And 7th Took up the Seventh Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to accept the Report of the Engineers as printed with the Other Reports which is as follows- viz-

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Town of Grafton in Account with C P Dennis Chief Engineer for Expenditures of the fire department for the Year Ending March 2d 1863-

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By Cash Received on Selectmens Orders $860.00

Dr

Engine Co No 1 Rescue

Paid for services of 41 men for year ending

May 1st 1862-	166,43
" Care of Engine and Apparatus one Year	10,00
" Two pieces of Suction Hose	50,00
" Ex preps	1,75
	228,18

Engine Co. No 2. Empire

Paid for Services of 55 men for year ending May 1st 1862	215,30
" Care of Engine and Apparatus One Year	10,00
" S A Knowles Bill	3,70
" Wm T Barker's Bill (1862)	15,20
" J McElwain's Bill	42
" Oil Pan	4 50
" Repairing Hose	75
" Express on Same	25
" Wm T Barkers Bill	5,42
	$255,54

Engine Co No 3. Blackstone

Paid for Services of 40 men for the Year ending May 1st 1862.	$175,19
" Care of Engine and Apparatus one Year	10,00
" Repairing Hose.	3,25
	$188,44

Hook & Ladder Co: No 1

Paid for Services of 20 men for Year Ending May 1st 1862	$95,84
" Care of Carriage &c.	5 00
" Bill for Carriage and Express	6 38
" A Johnson's Bill for work on Carriage	20,00
" J G Dwyers Bill.	1,00
	$128,22

Paid for Horses to Moove Engine No 2. two and from five	$16,00
do do do No 3 " "	8,00
" R C Warren for Bill paid last Year	5 21
" S Bintons Bill for 1861	5 75
" S Bintons Bill for 1862	15,25
	$ 50,21
Total amount paid Out	850 59
Leaving a balance on hand of	$ 9,41

All of which is Respectfully Submitted — E. B. Dennis Chief Engineer

Grafton March 2d 1863

Statement of Amount of Aid rendered to the families of Massachusetts Volunteers Enlisted as belonging to this town, and the Amount to be reimbursed by the State—

Name of Volunteer	Amt Paid		Amt to be Rumbursd		Amt Overpaid	
James S Lee	144	00	144	00		
Mathew Smith	135	00	108	00	27	00
Horace Day	30	00	24	00	6	00
Albert A Smith	96	00	96	00		
James Hughes	70	00	35	00	35	00
Joseph Bonner	144	00	144	00		
A T Bryant	35	00	35	00		
Charles W Berry	57	00	57	00		
John W Davis	60	00	60	00		
Levi J Ford	28	00	28	00		
James C Kelly	8	00	8	00		
William Mathews	120	00	120	00		
Willie C Morse	88	00	88	00		
Charles H Oakes	57	00	57	00		
Charles Snow	78	00	39	00	39	00
Charles A Johnson	104	00	104	00		
Curtis Cady	52	00	52	00		
James Howarth	132	00	132	00		
Samuel Young	57	00	57	00		
Peter Turkey	120	00	120	00		
Lucius Boyden	78	00	78	00		
Gilbert C Balcom	86	00	86	00		
Adolphus Howe	108	00	108	00		
Dexter B Hathaway	52	00	52	00		
James D Whitney	102	00	102	00		
Thomas D Allen	102	00	102	00		
R A Leland	102	00	102	00		
Luther W Whitney	144	00	144	00		
James White	102	00	102	00		
Peter Baras	94	00	94	00		
Edward S Johnson	57	00	57	00		
Joshua R Sammons	144	00	144	00		
Augustus C Davis	57	00	57	00		

	Whole Amt Paid		Amt to be Rumbus.		Amt Overpaid
Calvin A Wesson	51	00	51	00	
Joseph Grimm	51	00	51	00	
Hugh Jamieson	102	00	102	00	
George R Brown	102	00	102	00	
Julius A Clisbee	120	00	120	00	
Andrew J Cossit	64	00	64	00	
James S Kirkup	51	00	51	00	
John G Thornton	51	00	51	00	
Richard Johnson	102	00	102	00	
Bradford C Aldrich	55	00	55	00	
William C Robbins	138	00	138	00	
Leroy S Currier	120	00	120	00	
Frederick Whitney	70	80	70	80	
Alpheus Remick	153	60	153	60	
Albert D Amsden	42	57	42	57	
Rufus A Rhodes	77	43	77	43	
Alfred Howe	77	43	77	43	
Adelbert L Brown	42	57	42	57	
George A Mackie	69	43	69	43	
Loren S Clark	87	60	87	60	
John S Burnes	87	60	87	60	
Joseph Bardsley	84	80	84	80	
Austin Putnam	87	60	87	60	
Willard Clapsc	87	60	87	60	
Charles L Mitchell	43	60	43	60	
George C Burnes	48	00	48	00	
Henry A Frissell	56	57	56	57	
John M Sargent	80	00	80	00	
Patrick Kelly	62	28	62	28	
I C Holt	28	28	28	28	
Thomas C Bryant	62	28	62	28	
Orin T Hady	58	00	58	00	
Joseph H Grant	63	60	63	60	
Franklin Whitney	62	28	62	28	
John Keyes-	78	80	78	80	
Abel H Holcom	78	80	78	80	
Timothy Sullivan	29	00	29	00	

	Whole Amt Paid		Amt to be Numbers		Amt Overp.
Silas W Smith	78	80	78	80	
John R Smith	75	20	75	20	
Caleb W Wheeler	29	00	29	00	
Joseph Buxton	43	43	43	43	
George N French	43	71	43	71	
Cheney Lathe Jr	43	71	43	71	
Edward F Chamberlin	43	71	43	71	
William H Fisher	62	00	62	00	
George B Pratt	43	71	43	71	
Emory A Taft	43	71	43	71	
Samuel H Pratt	21	85	21	85	
James Gleason	62	00	62	00	
James S Walker	35	71	35	71	
Ira C Aldrich	43	71	43	71	
Willard Balcom	21	85	21	85	
Charles A Monroe	43	71	43	71	
George C N Webster	21	85	21	85	
Charles J Holden	62	00	62	00	
John Bigelow	43	71	43	71	
Otis B Pratt	62	00	62	00	
Dwight L Moore	62	00	62	00	
Joseph K Axtell	43	71	43	71	
Abram Vancuren	43	71	43	71	
John H Drury	43	71	43	71	
William H Hammond	21	85	21	85	
James M McKenzie	43	71	43	71	
Daniel C Brown	21	85	21	85	
John Wheeler	21	85	21	85	
Donald A Campbell	45	98	45	98	
	6815	06	6708	06	107 00

Art 8 Took up the Eighth article in the Warrant
The Annual School Committee not being prepared
to report - it was on motion Voted to pass over the article

Art 9. Took up the ninth Article in the Warrant -
The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery through their
Treasurer R E Warren made their Annual Report
which was accepted as follows -

Riverside Cemetery in Ac^t with
Rufus E Warren Treasurer

March 3^d 1862 Balance On Hand	$103.63
Rec^d for Lots & Wood & Labor on Lots	50 65
	$154,28

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By Cash Paid for Labor in Cemetery	8303
March 2^d 1863. Balanced on Hand	7125
	$154,28

All of which is Respectfully Submitted
Rufus E Warren Treasurer

Grafton March 2^d 1863 -

Art 10^th Took up the Tenth Article in the Warrant.
The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery
Submitted their Annual Report which
was accepted as follows -

"The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery
ask leave to present the following Report"

"During the past year improvements have
been commenced. On the north part of Lots
on grounds not yet Sold, - Large Trees
have been removed in Order to prepare Lots
for Sale, and to furnish by the Sale of the Lumber
means in part to make Such improvements -

We consider it necessary that the improve-
ments Should be completed the coming Season
and that new and Substantial Fences -

be placed at least on the North & East of the lot.
We Reported last Year in hands of Treas. $86,98
Amt paid by him to date $94.83
Balance due Treas. 7.85
94,83

Resources are
Amounts due from Sundry persons considered
Available $190.55
Estimated Value of Lumber on hand 87.97
278,52

Liabilities are
To C M Pratt. Treas. $ 7,85
" S W Putnam 25.33
" E B Brooks. for Land 31.70
64,88
Balance over Liabilities $ 213,64.
All of which is Respectfully Submitted by
A F Smith.
C M Pratt. } Trustees
S W Putnam
S A Knox

Art. 12th. Took up the twelfth article in the warrant. and on motion Voted. to raise the Sum of ten Thousand Dollars Money Tax to defray town charges for the Ensuing Year.

On motion Voted to lay the twelfth article on the table for the present and take up the Eleventh Article

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A motion was then made by John W Slocomb to reconsider the vote which had been passed under this article. To Repair the Highways Town ways and Bridges of Under Eight feet Sluice by a Labor Tax — The vote upon the said motion was in the negative —

Then took up the twelfth article in the warrant again and on motion Voted to

raise Twelve Hundred Dollars. Labor Tax to Repair the Highways, Town ways and Bridges of Under Eight feet Sluice. the ensuing Year—

Voted to Appropriate Three Thousand Dollars for the Support of Common Schools the ensuing Year—

Voted to Appropriate Eight Hundred Dollars for Support of High School the ensuing Year—

Art 13th Took up the twenty third article in the warrant and on Motion Voted that the High School be kept in the Center of the Town the ensuing Year

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Art 14th Took up the fourteenth article in the Warrant. and on Motion Voted to allow the Sextons the same compensation for burying the Dead as was allowed them last Year which was two dollars and fifty cents for digging and filling the Grave. Ringing the Bell to give notice of a Death and Tolling the Bell at the Funeral and attending the Funeral with his Horse and the Towns Hearse. Said two dollars and fifty cents to be in full for all of said Services as Sexton—

Art 15th Took up the fifteenth article in the Warrant & On Motion Voted to allow Firemen as follows viz— The number of Men for Each Engine Company limited to forty five— That they Each recieve five dollars a Year for their Services. and if any do not Serve a full Year, they shall recieve pay in proportion to the time they do Serve—

Art 13th Took up the Thirteenth article in the warrant. and on Motion of W D Wheeler it was Voted to allow no discount on Taxes the ensuing year. and that all Poll Taxes be collected on demand. and that all Taxes be collected and paid in to the Treasury on or before the first day of November next. and that all Taxes remaining unpaid. after that day be subject to an addition of One percent per month until paid and all Legal cost for collecting –
The collector to pay Over to the Treasurer all money by him collected Once in ten days from the time he recieves his Tax Bill

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Voted to put up the collecting of the Taxes at Auction to the lowest bider with the understanding that the Collector shall pay Over to the Treasurer. Once in ten days from the time he recieves his Tax Bill All Money by him collected on Taxes for whatever purpose

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The collecting of the Taxes for the Year Ensuing was then put up at Auction according to the foregoing Vote and Sumner Dunsmore offered to collect and pay Over to the Treasurer according for One per cent – and no One Offering to do it for less – it was Struck off to him for One per cent –

Art 2 Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and by Ballot. Chose Sumner Dunsmore Collector of Taxes for the Year ensuing.

On Motion Voted to authorize the Several School Districts in the Town to choose their Prudential Committees –

On Motion Voted to choose Thirteen Highway Surveyors for the Year Ensuing. and that they be Chosen by nomination — Then by nomination Chose

John B White Declines Eb Bigelow chosen & Sworn
Calvin S Thurston Sworn April 6th 1863 by me J W White Town Clerk
William A Fiske Sworn March 14th 1863 by me J W White Town Clerk
Charles Brigham Declines Thos Riordon chosen & Sworn April 6
Bradford Chase Sworn March 4th 1863 by me J W White Town Clerk
Nathan Boynton Sworn March 14th 1863 by me J W White Town Clerk
Benjamin Aldrich Sworn March 14th 1863 by me J W White Town Clerk
William Prentice Sworn April 11th 1863 by me James W White Town Clk
Joseph H Whitney Sworn March 25th 1863 by me J W White Town Clerk
Augustus Fowler (Declined) Jefferson Bellows Chosen
S D Champney Sworn April 17th 1863 by me James W White T. Clerk
Lewis How. Sworn May 11th 1863 by me James W White Town Clerk
Pliny Putnam (Declined) Nath'l G Whitney Chosen

Highway Surveyors for the Year Ensuing —

On Motion Voted that the Highway Surveyors be Collectors of Highway Taxes for the ensuing year —

On Motion Voted to Choose three Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing & that they be chosen by nomination

Then by nomination Chose

Ebenezer Huckins (Declined) E J Lucas chosen & Sworn April 9
George W Combs (Declined) C C Willis Chosen
Albert Bradish (Declined) Nathan Boynton chosen.

Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing

On Motion Voted to choose three Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing. and that they be chosen by nomination — Then by nomination Chose

Solomon Carroll
Joseph Adams 2d
Andrew H White

Fence Viewers for the Year ensuing

On motion Voted to Authorize the Selectmen to Appoint. Sealer of Weights and Measures - Surveyors of Lumber. Measurers of Wood and Bark Sealers of Leather. Weighers of Coal &c &c

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On motion Voted that the Selectmen be Auditors of Accounts for the Ensuing Year —

Art 21st Took up the twenty first Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted. to refer the Subject Matter of this Article to a committee of five for Examination. & to report at an adjourned Meting. Voted that the Selectmen be that Committee

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Art 22d Took up the twenty Second Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to refer the matter of this Article to the Selectmen and Trustees of Riverside Cemetery. to Examine and Report at an adjourned Meting

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Art 24th Took up the twenty fourth Article in the Warrant and Voted to Authorize the Selectmen to cause One of the Church Bells in the Center of the Town to be rung at Twelve Oclock M and at nine Oclock P M the Ensuing Year

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Voted to adjourn this Meting to Monday the Sixth day of April next at one Oclock P M — at the Same place —

A True Record

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton March 30th 1863.

At a meting of the Selectmen held at their Office this thirtieth day of March A D 1863 the following persons were appointed to the following Offices in the Town of Grafton for the Year Ensuing, in accordance with the Vote of the Town, passed March 2d 1862 viz- For Measures of Wood and Bark-

Willard D Wheeler
C B Knight
Saml Harrington
Gilbert C Taft. Sworn April 6th 1863 by me J W White Town Clerk
Charles Fowler.
Jno White
Henry D Fisher Sworn April 15th 1863 by J W White Town Clerk
S. E. Goulding
Jno T Barker
Robert D Chase Sworn April 20th 1863 by J W White Town Clerk
Levi N Leland.

For Sealer of Weights and Measures-

Nathan Hancock - Sworn April 7th 1863 by me J W White Town Clerk

For Pound Keeper

Caleb Wood Sworn May 1st 1863 by J. W. White Town Clerk

Measurers of Upper Leather-

Lewis W Dodge
George W Es Habrook.

Weighers of Coal &c-

C D Aldrich
Saml Harrington
Gilbert C Taft. Sworn April 6th 1863 by me J W White Town Clerk
S A Knowles - Sworn April 6th 1863 by me J W White Town Clerk
Wm White -

Grafton April 6th A D 1863

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town Affairs met in the Vestry of the West Church in said Grafton pursuant to adjournment from the second day of March A D 1862 at One Oclock P M. - The Meeting was called to Order by I D Hall Moderator - and the following proceedings were had -

1st On Motion of A M Bigelow it was voted to dispense with the reading of the Record of the Last Meeting -

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Art 2d. Took up the second Article in the Warrant and On Motion voted to proceed to the choice of an Assessor in the place of Winthrop Faulkner who was chosen at the last meeting and declined Serving -

Then by Ballot made choice of Samuel Harrington for an Assessor for the Year Ensuing. who immediately Signified his acceptance of the Office and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Same by me James M White Town Clerk -

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On Motion voted to proceed to the choice of three Constables in place of Willard D Wheler S. C. Knox and William G Palmer who were chosen at the last meeting but declined Serving -

Voted that the Votes for the three Constables be brought in On One Ballot -

Then by Ballot chose. Barnabas Newton
Stephen R White Sworn April 6th 1863 by J M White T Clerk
Robert D Chase Sworn April 20th 1863 by J M White T Clerk

Constables for the Year Ensuing

Barnabas Newton Declined Serving as Constable and was Excused -

Then by Ballot chose. W D Wheler Constable for the Year Ensuing. who declined Serving and was Excused -

Then By Ballot chose H C Brunwood Constable for the Year Ensuing who declined Serving and the Town voted not to Excuse him

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On Motion Voted to add One to the list of constables and Then By Ballot chose Sumner Dunsmore Constable for the Year Ensuing who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office April 6th 1863 by me James W White Town Clerk —

By nomination. Chose. C B Bigelow highway Surveyor. in place of John B White Declined. who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Offic April 7th 1863. By me J W White Town Clerk

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By nomination Chose. Thomas Riordan Highway Surveyor in place of Charles Brigham Declined — who then Signified his acceptance of the Office and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Same by me James W White Town Clerk

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By nomination Chose. Jefferson Bellows. Highway Surveyor in place of Augustus Fowler. who declined Serving. who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office June 22 1863. by me James W White Town Clerk

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By nomination Chose Nathaniel G Whitney Highway Surveyor in place of Pliny Putnam. who declined Serving who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office. April 25th 1863 by me James W White Town Clerk

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Voted that Wm Prentice & P Champney and Lewis Stow who were Chosen Highway Surveyors at the last meeting and had Signified their acceptance of the Office but had not taken the Oath required by Law — be Highway Surveyors in their respective places

By nomination Chose
E T Lucas Sworn Aprie 8th 1863 by J W White Town Clerk
C C Willis
Nathan Boynton Sworn May 2d 1863 by J W White Town Clerk
Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing. in place of Ebenezer Huckins George W Comb. & Albert Bradish who were chosen at the last muting but declined Serving

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By nomination Chose.
S A Knox.
George M Dunn Sworn Sept 17th 1863 by Mr James W White.
Fence Viewers for the Year ensuing in place of Solomon Carroll and Andrew H White who were chosen at the last muting but declined Serving—

On Motion Voted to Choose. two Surveyors of Lumber and By nomination Chose
Calven Clisbee
S A Knox
Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing—

Then Voted to adjourn this muting for half an hour that we might take up and act upon another Warrant for Record of which and action thereon See Page 268

At the Expiration of half an hour from adjournment met according to adjournment and transacted the following business viz—

Art 20th Took up the twentieth article in the Warrant—
The Committee chosen at the last muting, to whom was refered the Subject matter of this Article with instructions to investigate the Subject and Report at an adjourned muting. Submitted this Report which was accepted as follows viz

"To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton"

The Committee to whom was refered, the matters contained in the twentieth Article in the Warant for the Annual Town Meeting would recommend that the Town authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to issue Bonds of the Town, Sufficient to pay the Town Debt, not Exceeding in Amount Twenty five thousand Dollars- One thousand Dollars payable on the first day of January A D 1869 and thereafter One thousand Dollars annually on the first day of January, until the whole is paid with interest at the rate of five percent per annum payable on the first days of January and July in Each Year.-

And that the Town Appoint a Committee to prepare the form of the Bonds and Coupons to be thereto annexed, and to procure a Sufficient number of Blanks for the Same-.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Grafton April 6th 1863.

Wm F Slocum
Jon D Wheeler
A M Bigelow
W D Wheeler
} Committee-

On Motion Voted that the same Committee whose report has just been Accepted, be the Committee therein recommended "to prepare the form of the Bonds, and Coupons to be thereto annexed and and to procure a Sufficient number of blanks for the Same" as therein recommended-

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On Motion of William F Slocum, Submitted in writing it was, 1st Voted "That the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, be Authorized to issue Bonds of the Town Sufficient to pay the Town Debt, not Exceeding in Amount, Twenty five thousand Dollars- Payable, One thousand dollars on the first day of January A D 1869 and thereafter-

One thousand dollars Annually on the first day of January until the whole is paid with intrest at the rate of five percent per Annum. payable on the first days of January and July in Each Year"—

2d "Voted that the Bonds be Signed by the Selectmen and Town Treasurer.— That a Copy of the Vote of the Town Authorizing their issue be attested by the Clerk upon the Back of Each Bond, and that the Selectmen, Treasurer, and Clerk Each Keep an Account of the Bonds issued. and that the Coupons annexed to the Bonds for the payment of intrest be Signed by the Town Treasurer"

21st Took up the twenty first article in the Warrant The Committe chosen at the Last meeting. to whom was refered the Subject matter of this article with instructions to examine the matter and report at an adjourned meeting Submitted their Report which was accepted as follows viz

"The Committee to whom was refered the matter of Pine Grove Cemetery, have attended to the duty assigned them and having met with and consulted the Trustees of said Cemetery, are prepared to recommend the following Organization, to wit"—

"That the Town Elect by Ballot. a Board of five Trustees. for the Term of five Years. who Shall have the Sole care. Superintendance and management of Pine Grove cemetery. Established by said Town. One number of which Board Shall go Out of Office Each Year and one number Shall be chosen at the Annual Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers each Year.
But said Board or Either number thereof, after having had an Opportunity to be heard in his or their defence may be removed at any time by a Vote of the Town—

and in case of a Vacancy in said Board of Trustees by Death. Resignation removal or Otherwise. Such Vacancy Shall be filled by the choice of another Trustee in the manner aforesaid. who Shall hold his Office for the residue of the term for which Such Member. So deceased. resigned or removed would have held the Same". Said Board may be Organized by the choice of a chairman and Secretary from their Own number- and a Major part of said Board Shall constitute a quorum for the Exercise of the powers and the performance of the duties of said Office". And the term for which the Several members of the first Board of Trustees. Shall hold their Office Shall be determined as follows. The Trustee first chosen Shall hold his Office for five years from the Annual Town meeting held in the Month of March Last. and the Trustee next chosen Shall hold his Office for four years from the same time". And the Trustee next chosen Shall hold his Office for three years from the same time - and the Trustee next chosen Shall hold his Office for two years from the same Time - and the Trustee next chosen Shall hold his Office for One year from the same time

2. Said Board of Trustees Shall lay Out said cemetery in Suitable Lots or Other Subdivisions for family or Other burying places with all the necessary paths and avenues. and may plant and Embellish the Same with Trees Shrubs flowers and Other rural Ornaments- and may Enclose the Same with a proper fence. and Erect Suitable Appendages and conveniences. as they Shall from time to time deem Expedient and Said Board may make all necessary By-Laws Rules and regulations. in the Execution of their trust not inconsistant with the Laws of the commonwealth as they Shall deem Expedient

3d Said Board of Trustees Shall have authority to grant and convey to any person or persons by a Deed duly Executed and to be Recorded in a Book Kept for that purpose in the Town Clerk's Office the Sole and Exclusive right of Burial and Of Erecting Tombs, Cenotaphs and Other monuments in any of the designated Lots or Subdivisions of Said Cemetery. Upon Such terms and conditions as they Shall by their rules and regulations prescribe. the provisions of this Section to apply as well to those persons who have already purchased Lots. or Rights of Burial as to those who may hereafter purchase them in Said Cemetely.

4th The proceeds of Sales of Lots or Rights of Burial in Said Cemetery. Shall be paid to the Trustees and Such proceeds Shall be devoted to the improvement and Embellishment thereof as aforesaid under the direction of Said Board of Trustees.

5 Said Board of Trustees Shall at the Annual meeting in March make and render a Report in writing of all their Acts and proceedings and of the condition of the Cemetery and an account of the receipts and Expenditures for the same

And Your Committee wish to Say in Closing that we are happy to learn that So much has already ben done to improve and Embellish this Cemetery and if the Trustees are Enabled to procure the means to carry Out their plans- it will be rendered a very beautiful and attractive Spot.

Should it be thought by any that the Trustees or any of them have acted without Authority, we would say that we believe they have continued to act in that Office according to advice of able Council, in good faith and for the best interest of the Cemetery —

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

John McClellan
Jo^{s} B Adams
Lowell White
Jasper S Nelson
} Selectmen of Grafton

Art 2^{d} Took up the second article in the Warrant and on motion, Voted to proceed to the Choice of five Trustees for Pine Grove Cemetery according to the recommendation of the Committee whose Report has just been accepted

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Voted that the names for the five Trustees for Pine Grove Cemetery be brought in On One Ballot with the number of years Each Trustee is to serve Expressed in figures against the name

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Then by Ballot Chose -

Chandler M Batt	Trustee for	five Years
Samuel W Putnam	"	four Years
Rob^{t} D Chase	"	three Years
Jonas H Allen	"	two Years.
Samuel B Dolliver	"	One Year -

The Committee Chosen at the last meeting under the twenty Second article in the Warrant Submitted their Report, which was accepted as follows -

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The Committee to whom was refered the Subject of the Tomb and Old Burying Ground have attended to that Service, and would Submit the following

Report.

1st With regard to the Tomb we would say we have made an Examination of it and find it leaks considerably and that in Order to render it tight it would be necessary to Scrape off the the gravel from the top and cement it. Also the Wing Walls need Cementing. the Expense of Which our Estimate would not Exceed twenty five dollars — But Your Committee are of Opinion that the present Tomb is not large Enough for the Accommodation of the Town —

That the Door is too Low and Narrow rendering it very inconvenient and Even difficult to get in with a large Box Such as is Often Used,

That it is inconveniently Located. there being a deep hollow just in Front and Only a narrow road by it. and in Winter which is almost the Only time when the Tomb is Used, is very liable to block up with Snow around the Tomb. Also the Roads on Either Side of the Burying Ground are frequently filled with Snow So as to make it difficult of Access

We would further Report that we have looked out a Site for the Tomb on the Grounds of the River Side Cemetery at the South Westerly Corner of Said lot on the Road — This it Seems to us would be a very convenient location as the Situation of the Ground is Such that it might be Entered on nearly an Even grade with the Road, and Processions could pass directly before the Door without getting Out of their Carriages, or going where there is no track — Another advantage of this location is that the road here is never liable to drift —

Should the Town decide to remove the Tomb the committee would recommend that it be built larger than the present One with a much more commodious Entrance. They proposd instead of 7 fet. by 13 fet. inside. which is the Size of the present Tomb. to build 10 fet by 18 ft. and to build a Hearse House directly Over the Tomb. 12 ft. by 18 or 20 ft. to Open on the inside of the grounds - and to be well covred and painted. The whole Expunes of Tomb. Hearse House and grading is Estimated to be nearly or quite four hundred dollars -

The Trustees of the River Side Cemetry make the following libral Offer to the Town viz -
That they will build the Tomb. and Hearse House of the dimentions and according to the plan proposed in the best mannr - grade the grounds and comp= -lete every part for the use of the Town for the Sum of two hundred dollars - The Town granting them the present Hearse House. and the materials of the present Tomb. -

2d With reference to the Old burying ground your Committee feel that they but reiterate the Sentiment of Every Citizen when they Say there is no place more Sacred than the Spot where the early Settlers of the Town have So long rested. and will rest until the Trump of the Arch Angel Shall bid the dead awake. -

As we wander Among the Tomb Stones we feel that we tread upon Hallowed ground and that these mumentos Should be preserved that generations yet to come as they Shall walk among these Ancient relics may learn where Sleep their Ancestors and those engaged in active life with them. -

We can perhaps perform no Act more commendable to the present generation, one which Shall exert a better influence on those who may come after us than by Suitably

preserving, improving and Embellishing Our Cemetery's of the dead—

We are of Opinion that the Wall Ought to be repaired, a part of it reset with new materials— that the Monuments in the Old part of the grounds Should be righted up. and those which have fallen down Should be properly reset. and the Mop (so far as may be) be removed so as to render the inscriptions legible. and that Shade trees be Set Around the grounds where they are needed. at the Expense of the Town— And we would recommend that a Committee be chosen to have charge of these improvements

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Signed

John McClellan
Jos B Adams
Lowell White
Jon^{a} D Wheeler
Jasper S Nelson
Luke F Allen
Rufus E Warren
George F Slocomb

} Committee

On motion Voted that the Selectmen cause Such repairs to be made on the Tomb in the Old burying Ground as they may dum necessary

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Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to choose a Committee of three to take charge of and make repairs on the Old Burying Ground—

Then by nomination chose Charles Goddard Rodney Leland and Joseph Adams 2^{d} said Committee

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Took up the 12th Article in the Warrant. and on Motion Voted to Reconsider the Vote passed on the Second day of March. Last past whereby the Sum of Three Thousand Dollars was appropriated to the Support of common Schools the Ensuing Year—

On motion Voted to make an Appropriation of two hundred dollars in addition to the Sum of Eight hundred dollars. appropriated on the Second day of March last has for the Support of the High School the Ensuing Year—

On Motion Voted to Appropriate Three Thousand dollars for the Support of Common Schools the Ensuing Year

On Motion Voted to authorise the Selectmen to pay L. F C Garvin. who Enlisted and Joined Co E. 51 Reg Mass Volunteers Nov. 23 1862. as one of this Towns quota but was not mustered into Service at the time - a bounty of One hundred dollars when furnished the Evidence that he has been mustered into U.S. Service and credited to this Town's quota—

On Motion Voted to Appropriate One hundred dollars for repairs on the Old Burying Ground the Ensuing Year—

Took up the thirteenth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to that a discount of ten percent. be made to those persons who shall pay their Highway Taxes. to the Highway Surveyors and Collectors of Highway Taxes in Money instead of Labor— —

And the Meeting was dissolved

A true Record

~~Attest~~ James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting —

In the name of the commonwealth. of Massachusetts — You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs. to meet at the Vestry of the West Church in said Grafton. On Monday the Sixth day of April next. at two Oclock in the afternoon. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen by Ballot. for or against the following article of Amendment of the Constitution. which having been agreed to by the last and present General Courts and published in the manner required by the Constitution is submitted to the People for their ratification and adoption —

Article of Amendment

The twenty third Article of the Articles of Amendments to the Constitution of this Commonwealth which is as follows to wit

"No person of Foreign birth shall be Entitled to Vote. Or Shall be Eligible to Office unless he shall have resided within the jurisdiction of the United States for two years subsequent to his naturalization. and shall be Otherwise qualified according to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. Provided that this Amendment shall not affect the rights which any person of foreign birth possessed at the time of the adoption thereof. And provided further. that it shall not affect the rights of any Child of a Citizen of the United States. born during the temporary absence of the parent therefrom" — is hereby wholly annulled —

And You are further directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Vestry of the West Church in Said Grafton on Monday the Sixth day of April next. at two

Oclock in the Afternoon to Act on the following Articles to wit

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting -

Art 2 To See if the Town will Authorise their Treasurer to borrow Money for the use of the Town or Act thereon

Art 3d To See if the Town will Authorise their Treasurer to Sell their Seven and Three-tenths United States Treasury Note and invest the proceeds in other Government Securities . or Act thereon -

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting -

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid -

Given Under Our hands this Twenty Third day of March in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Three -

John McClellan
Lowell White
Jasper S Nelson
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss April 6th A D 1863

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Center of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days before the time for holding said Meeting as therein directed -

S D Hall. Constable of Grafton

A True Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 6th A D 1863

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs met in the Vestry of the West Church in said Grafton on Monday the Sixth day of April A D 1862 at two Oclock in the afternoon to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen by Ballot for or against the Amendment to the Constitution therein mentioned. -

The Votes having all been given in. Sorted Counted Recorded and the Return thereof having been made Out. Signed and Sealed Up in Open town Meeting declaration thereof was made as follows - viz Whole number of Votes cast was twenty three 23

No for Amendment Yes- twenty One 21

No Against Amendment two 2

A True Record

Attest James W White Town Clerk

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs met in the Vestry of the West Church. On Monday the Sixth day of April A D 1863. at two Oclock in the afternoon pursuant to the second part of the foregoing Warrant and transacted the following business viz. -

1st By Ballot chose S D Hall Moderator of said Meeting

Art 2. Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and on motion Voted to Authorize the Treasurer to borrow Money for the use of the Town Under the direction of the Selectmen -

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Art 3 Took up the third article in the Warrant and on motion Voted to Authorize the Treasurer to Sell the United States Treasury note mentioned in this Article and invest the proceeds in other Government Securities as he shall deem for the best interest of the Town Attest James W White Town Clerk
dissolve the Meeting

Know all men by these presents. that we Horace S Warren of Grafton in the County of Worcester and commonwealth of Massachusetts as Principal and Jonathan Warren and Winthrop Faulkner of said Grafton as Sureties are holden and firmly Bound to said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorney in the Sum of Fifteen Thousand dollars. for the payment of which well and truly to be made. we bind Ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals. and dated this fourth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty three

The condition of this Obligation is Such. That whereas. the said Horace S Warren has been chosen Treasurer for said Town of Grafton for the current Year. and has accepted said Office. and. duly sworn to the discharge of said duties: Now if the said Horace S Warren as Treasurer as aforesaid. "" account for All monies which may come into his possession. and Also with diligence and fidelity discharge. Other Legal duties of the aforesaid Office. then this Obligation Shall be void- Otherwise it Shall remain in full force and virtue-

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of Warren S Munyan

Horace S Warren L S
Jon^a Warren L S
Winthrop Faulkner L S

Accepted by the Selectmen Apr. 6^t 1863
Jo^s B Adams } Clk

A True Copy Rec: April 6^t 1863

James W White Town Clerk

Certificate of Appointment of Town Liquor Agt.

Town of Grafton -

This is to certify that Samuel Harrington has bun duly appointed by the Selectmen of Grafton an Agent to purchas Intoxicating Liquors and to sell the Same at the Store of said Harrington & Nichols in the town of Grafton. to be used in the Arts. or for Medicinal. Chemical and Mechanical purposes and no Other - (under and in conformity with the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - (See General Statutes Chapter 86 sections 17. to 24 inclusive)

This Appointment to continue for twelve months from the first Monday in May (unless Sooner revoked by said Selectmen -

Said Agent Shall receive a Salary of twenty Dollars which Shall be in full for his said Services. or in that proportion for a less time

Dated at Grafton this 19th day of May 1863

John McClellan
Jos B Adams
Lowell White
Jasper L Nelson
John B White
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Liquor Agents Bond.

Know all Men that we Samuel Harrington as principal & A M Bigelow & Chas A Pierce as Sureties are holden and stand firmly bound to the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the Sum of Six hundred dollars to be paid unto them. their Successors or Assigns to which payment we bind Ourselves Our Heirs Executors and Administrators Jointly and Severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with Our Seals and dated this first day of May A D 1863

The condition of this Obligation is such That whereas the Above bounden Sam'l Harrington has bin duly appointed an Agent for the Town of Grafton to purchase intoxicating liquors and to Sell the Same for or on account of Said Town to be used in the Arts or for medicinal chemical and mechanical purposes and no Other Until until the first day of May A D 1864 unless Sooner removed from Said Agency.

Now if the Said Sam'l Harrington Shall in all respects conform to the provisions of Law relating to the business for which he is appointed and to Such rules and regulations as now are or Shall from time to time be established by the board making the appointment, then this Obligation to be Void. Otherwise to remain in full force —

Witness

Sam'l Harrington L S
A M Bigelow L S
C A Pierce L S

Approved by the Selectmen June 2d 1863

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Know All men by these presents that I Robert D Chase of Grafton in the County of Worcester as principal and Alfred Dunham and Dexter B Wingate of said Grafton as Sureties. are holden and stand firmly bound and Obligid unto the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid in the full and just sum of five hundred dollars to be paid unto the said inhabitants of Grafton their successors or Assigns. to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents

Witness Our Hands and Seals this nineteenth day of June in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty three —

The Condition of this Obligation is such that whereas- At the Annual meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton. held on the Sixth day of April in the Year Eighteen hundred and Sixty three, the said Robert D Chase was duly Elected a Constable of said Grafton for the then Ensuing — Now if the said Robert D Chase shall faithfully perform his duties as Constable in the Service of civil processes, which may be committed to him as such Constable. then this Obligation Shall be void. Otherwise Shall remain in full force and Virtue —

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
James W White
Roswell A Smith

Robert D Chase L S
Alfred Dunham L S
D B Wingate L S

A True Copy Recieved at 11h 20m A M
June 20th AD 1863 —
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Know all Men by these presents that We Sumner Dinsmore of Grafton in the County of Worcester and commonwealth of Massachusetts. as Principal and Rufus E Warren and L W Dodge of said Grafton as Sureties are holden and firmly bound to said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorney in the Sum of fifteen thousand dollars. for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves and Our Heirs. Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents—

Sealed with Our Seals and dated this twenty seventh day of June. in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty three—

The Condition of this Obligation is such that Whereas. the said Sumner Dinsmore has been chosen Collector of Taxes for said Town of Grafton, for the current Year and has accepted that Office and. been duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Same— Now if the said Sumner Dinsmore Shall as Collector as aforesaid. faithfully collect account for and pay Over all Taxes which he Shall be legally required to collect. and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the Other Legal duties of the aforesaid Office. then this Obligation Shall be void Otherwise it Shall remain in full force and virtue—

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of James W White.

For Dinsmore Warren & Dodge

Sumner Dinsmore L S
Rufus E Warren L S
L W Dodge L S

Approved by the Selectmen June 27th A D 1863
John McClellan
Jos B Adams
Lowell White
Jasper S Nelson
John B White

A True Copy Rec'd June 27th 1863
James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting—

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Vestry of the West Church in said Grafton on Saturday the twenty Seventh day of June Current. at three Oclock P.M. to act on the following Articles to wit

Art. 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting—

Art 2d. To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of the ninth Section of the two hundred and Eighteenth Chapter of the General Laws. of the Year Eighteen hundred and Sixty three, with reference to the Settlement of the Towns proportion. of the Tax to be assessed and the money to be reimbursed to the Town on account of Bounties paid to Volunteers, who Enlisted to fill the Towns quota of men under the call of the President of the United States, made in the months of July and August in the Year Eighteen hundred and Sixty two—or act thereon

Art 3d To See if the Town will provide a "Secure and convenient Lock-Up" as required by the Sixteenth Section of the two hundred and Sixteenth Chapter of the Statutes of Eighteen hundred and Sixty two either by purchasing or hireing land and Erecting a Suitable building thereon— or by hireing altering or repairing any building or in any other manner— or act thereon—

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnum's Ville and Saunders Village. to Stand Seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting—

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under Our hands this Eighteenth day of June in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty-three.

John McClellan } Selectmen
Lowell White }
John B White } of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton June 27 A D 1863

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New-England Village, Farnums Hill and Saunders Village, Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A True Copy of Warrant and return —

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton June 27th A D 1863

The inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town Affairs, met in the Vestry of the West Church in accordance with the foregoing warrant, and transacted the following business to wit

1st By Ballot chose John McClellan Moderator.—

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant, and on motion voted to adopt the provisions of of the ninth Section of the two hundred and Eighteenth Chapter of the General Laws of the Year Eighteen hundred and Sixty three — with reference to the Settlement of the Towns proportion of the Tax to be assessed, and the money to be reimbursed to the Town on account of Bounties paid

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to Volunteers. who Enlisted to fill the Towns quota of Men. Under the call of the President of the United States made in the months of July and August. in the Year Eighteen hundred and Sixty two hereby authorizing the Town Treasurer to Settle the Same. with the Treasurer of the Commonwealth according to the provisions of the aforesaid Section.

Took up the third Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to pass over the Article.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

A True Record

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to met at the Vestry of the West Church in Said Grafton on Tuesday the Third day of November next at nine Oclock in the forenoon. it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in Said Month to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Governor Liuetinant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Reciever General. Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the Commonwealth; and for a Councillor for the Sixth Councillor District, and for a Senator for the East Worcester Senatorial District and for a Register of Probate and Insolvency, and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester—

Also to choose a Representative to Represent the Seventeenth District in Worcester County—

The Votes for all the above Officers will be received Open and unfolded on One ballot. or in Sealed Envelopes on Seperate Ballots as best suits the Voters. Each Vote to Specify the Officer Voted for. — The Polls will be Opened to receive the Votes for the above officers at ten Oclock A.M.

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums ville and Saunders Village Seven days at Least before the time for holding Said Meeting— Hereof Fail not. and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid ---

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Given Under Our Hands this nineteenth day of October in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty three –

John McClellan
Jos B Adams
Lowell White
Jasper S Nelson
John B White
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester Ss. November 3d A D 1863

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnumsville and Saunders Village. Seven days at least before the time for holding said Meeting as therein directed –

S. D. Hall Constable of Grafton –

A True Copy of Warrant and Constables Return –

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton November 3d A D 1863

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, met in the Vestry of the West Church in Said Grafton pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and for the purposes therein mentioned.

The Meeting was called to Order by John McClellan Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Prayer was Offered by Rev Thomas C Biscoe – The Warrant was then read by the Town Clerk – and on Motion of James W White it was voted that the Polls be closed at three Oclock this afternoon –

At three Oclock P M the Votes having been all given in the Polls were closed, and the Votes having been Sorted, counted and recorded were declared as follows

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The Whole number of votes for Governor was three hundred Sixty One 361
John A Andrew of Boston had two hundred fifty nine votes — 259
Henry W Paine of Cambridge had One hundred and One votes — 101
B F Butler of Lowell had One vote 1

The Whole number of votes for Lieuten ant Governor was three hundred fifty nine 359
Joel Hayden of Williamsburg had two hundred Sixty One votes — 261
Thomas F Plunkett of Pittsfield had Ninety Eight votes 98

The Whole number of votes for Secretary of the Commonwealth was three hundred fifty nine 359
Oliver Warner of Northampton had two hundred Sixty One votes — 261
F. O. Prince of Winchester had Ninety Eight votes — 98

The Whole number of votes Treasurer and Receiver General was three hundred fifty nine 359
Henry K Oliver of Salem had two hundred Sixty One votes — 261
Nathan Clark of Lynn had Ninety Eight votes 98

The Whole number of votes for Auditor was three hundred fifty nine 359
Levi Reed of Abington had two hundred Sixty One votes — 261
Moses Bates of Plymouth had Ninety Eight votes — 98

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The Whole number of Votes for Attorney Genral was. three hundred fifty Eight 358

Dwight Foster of Worcester had two hundred and Sixty Votes- 260

Thadeus H Sweetser of Lowell had ninety Eight Votes- 98

The Whole number of Votes for Councillor. ~~for~~ Sixth- District was three hundred fifty four 354

Jonathan D Wheler. of Grafton had two hundred fifty four Votes 254

Aaron Kimball of Brookfield had ninety ninety nine Votes 99

H C Grunwood had One Vote 1

The Whole number of Votes for Senator for the East Worcester District was three hundred Sixty two 362

William Bassett of Berlin had two hundred Sixty two Votes- 262

Horatio A Bigelow of Clinton had One hundred Votes- 100

The Whole number of Votes for Register of Probate and Insolvency was three hundred and Sixty 360

John J Pijon of Fitchburg had two hundred Sixty two Votes 262

J Henry Hill of Worcester had ninety Eight Votes 98

The Whole number of Votes for County Commissioner was three hundred fifty nine 359

Velorous Taft of Upton had two hundred and Sixty One Votes 261

William Bennett of Hubbardston had ninety Eight Votes- 98

The Whole number of Votes for Representative to the Genral Court. next to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. from District No Seventeen. Worcester Co- was three hundred fifty two 352

Horace S Warren. of Grafton had
One hundred and Seven Votes 107

Joseph M Rockwood of Grafton had
two hundred forty five Votes & was Elected 245

The Returns of the Votes for all the foregoing Officers having been made Out - Signed and Sealed up in Open Town Meeting as the law directs - The Meeting was dissolved -

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Vestry of the West Church in said Grafton on Monday the Sixteenth day of November current at One Oclock P.M. to Act on the following Articles to wit—

Art. 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting—

Art. 2d To See what action if any the town will take with regard to providing for filling the Quota of forty three men assigned to this town under the late call of the President of the United States for three hundred thousand men for the Army of the United States, for three years, or during the War, but not Exceeding three years

Art. 3d To See if the Town will raise or appropriate money to defray the Expenses of filling the quota mentioned in the Second Article of this Warrant— Either by paying Bounties— increasing the pay, or in any way compensating those who may Enlist to fill said quota, or act thereon—

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums ville and Saunders-ville Village, to Stand Seven days at least before the time for holding said Meeting—

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

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Given under our Hands this fifth day of November in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty three -

John McClellan
Jo B Adams
Lowell White
Jasper S Nelson
John B White
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss November 16th A D 1863
I have Served the Foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting as therein directed -

S D Hall. Constable of Grafton

A True Copy of Warrant and return of Constable
James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town Affairs. met at the Vestry of the West Church in said Grafton on Monday the Sixteenth day of November A D 1863 at One Oclock P M. and transacted the following business viz

1st By Ballot chose S D Hall. Moderator to preside in said meeting -

2 Took up the Second Article in the Warrant & on motion voted to raise a Committee from Each School District in Town. to co-operate with the Selectmen in procuring Enlistments to fill the quota refered to in this Article Said Committee to consist of One for Each School

(one)

kept in said District, said Committee to be nominated by the Selectmen —

The following persons nominated by the Selectmen were chosen said Committee viz

For District No 1. Le S. Pratt. E B Bigelow
John Whitney. C W. Stratton
" " " 2 S P Champney.
" " " 3 Jonathan W Stow
" " " 4 S J Axtell
" " " 5 Geo F Jourdan
" " " 6 Horace Batchelor. S. R. White
" " " 7 Charles Brigham
" " " 8 Rodney Leland
" " " 9 S A Knox N G Whitney & H B Fairbanks
" " " 10 Esek Saunders —
" " " 11 Joseph H Whitney

On Motion voted to add One to the Committee already chosen. and by nomination H L Read was chosen additional number of said Committee —

On Motion voted to adjourn this meeting to Thursday the nineteenth day of November current at two Oclock in the afternoon at this place.

James W White Town Clerk

The Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to Vote in town affairs met at the Vestry of the West Church in said Grafton on Thursday the ninteenth day of November A D 1863 pursuant to adjournment from the Sixteenth day of November current and transacted the following business viz-

Under the Second Article in the Warrant the Committe Chosen on the Sixteenth day of November current, to cooperate with the Selectmen in procuring Enlistments to fill the quota refered to in this Article. Reported Verbally in Substance as follows. viz That they had thought it advisable if practicable to organize a Company for One of the Veteran Regiments now forming in this Commonwealth- That for this purpose they had visited Westboro. Shrewsbury, Millbury, Sutton and Upton. to Solicit their cooperation in organizing Such a Company- That in neither of Said towns Except Westboro had there been any Meetings held or any action taken in the matter of raising their quota's. but the Selectmen of these Several towns appeared to favor the proposition to organize a Company and agreed that when their towns had taken action in the matter to communicate the result to the Committe-
On Motion Voted to accept the Report and request the Committe to continue their Efforts-

On Motion of William F Slocum Esq Submitted in writing it was Voted. That the Selectmen and Committe appointed by the town to raise and provide for filling the quota of forty three men assigned to the town under the last call of the President of the United States for three hundred thousand men for the Army of the United States for three Years or during the War- not Exceeding three years. be Authorised to employ

Such Agent or Agents as they may deem necessary or Expedient to procure said quota or any part thereof, and to pay all Expences of Such Agent or agents not Exceeding One hundred dollars per Man furnished, Accepted and Sworn in to fill Such quota-

Took up the third Article in the Warrant- a motion was made by Joseph B Adams, to pass over this Article, Motion lost-

The following motion Submitted in writing by William F Slocum Esq. was lost on a tie vote the vote being Eleven in the affirmative and Eleven in the negative - viz "That the Town appropriate from the moneys of the town a Sum not Exceeding $4300- to defray the Expenses of filling the quota of forty three Men Assigned to the town under the last call of the President of the United States for three hundred thousand men for the Army of the United States for three Years, or during the war, but not Exceeding three Years-

On Motion Voted to adjourn this meeting to Friday the twenty Seventh day of November current at two Oclock P M at this Place-

James W White Town Clerk

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Vestry of the West Church in said Grafton on Friday the twenty Seventh day of November A D 1863. pursuant to adjournment from the nineteenth instant and transacted the following busines viz-

1st Records of Last meeting read by the Town Clerk & Approved

2 Took up the Second article in the warrant and on motion of John McClellan it was voted to reconsider the vote passed November nineteenth A D 1863 whereby "the Selectmen and Committee appointed by the town to raise and provide for filling the quota of forty three men assigned to the town under the late call of the President of the United for three hundred thousand men for the army of the United States for three years or during the War - not Exceeding three Years." were Authorised to employ such agent or agents as they may deem necessary or Expedient to procure said quota or any part thereof. and to pay all the Expences of such agent or agents not Exceeding One hundred dollars per man furnished. Accepted and Sworn in to fill such quota -

On Motion Voted that a Mass Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton be called to meet in this place on monday Evening next at half past Seven Oclock. and that the Selectmen and committe appointed to cooperate with them in procuring Enlistments to fill the quota refered to in the Second article in the warrant be requested to call Meetings Every Evening in the week at such places in the town as they may think advisable for the purpose of inducing men to Enlist -

Voted to dissolve this Meeting -

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton December 29th 1863

We the Undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Grafton do hereby Appoint Joseph Willard Esq. Measurer of Wood and Bark for the present Official Year.

Joseph B Adams
Lowell White
J B White
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True copy Recievd January 4th A D 1864 at which time the said Joseph Willard was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by me James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Seventh day of March next. at nine Oclock A M to act on the following articles to wit -

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting -

Art 2d To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the Year Ensuing -

Art 3d To hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon -

Art 4th To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer and act thereon -

Art 5 To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and act thereon -

Art 6th To hear the Report of the Collector of Taxes and act thereon

Art 7th To hear the Report of the Engineers and act thereon

Art 8th To hear the Report of the General School Committee and act thereon -

Art 9th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery and act thereon -

Art 10th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery and act thereon -

Art 11th To determine the Manner of repairing the Highways Town ways and Bridges the ensuing Year

Art 12th To Raise such sum of Money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year and make appropriations of the Same

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Art. 13th To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector and act thereon –

Art 14th To see what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the Dead the Ensuing Year and act thereon –

Art 15 To see what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the Year Ensuing and act thereon –

Art 16th To see if the Town will authorize the Prudential Committee in the Several School Districts to employ the School Teachers in their respective Districts or act thereon –

Art 17th To see if the Town will accept the list of Names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon –

Art 18th To see if the Town will appropriate Money for the purpose of fencing a portion of Pine Grove Cemitery

Art 19th To determine the place within the Town where the High School Shal be kept the ensuing Year –

Art 20th To see if the Town will cause One of the Church Bells in the centre of the Town to be rung at 12 Oclock M. and at nine Oclock P. M. or act thereon –

Art 21st To hear the Report of any Outstanding Committee and act thereon –

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting Up an attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting—

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid—

Given under Our hands this Eighteenth day of February in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty four—

John McClellan
Lowell White
Jasper S Nelson
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. March 7th 1864

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnumsville and Saunders village. Seven days at least before the time for holding Said meeting—

S D Hall. Constable of Grafton

A True Copy of Warrant and return

James N White Town Clerk

Grafton March 7th A D 1864

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs. met at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Seventh day of March A D 1864 at nine Oclock A M. and transacted the following busines to wit

The meeting was called to Order and the Warrant Read by the Town Clerk:

Then by Ballot chose S D Hall Moderator of said meeting—

Prayer By Rev T. C Biscoe—

Took up the Second article in the Warrant &

On motion. Voted to proceed to the choise of all necessary town officers for the year ensuing. and that the votes for a Town Clerk — five Selectmen three Assessors three Overseers of the Poor. a Town Treasurer. three Constables One General School Committee One Truste for Riverside Cemetery. and One Truste for Pine Grove Cemetery be brought in on One Ballot—

The votes having been. all given in. Sorted and Counted. the following Persons were Elected to the following Offices viz— James W White to the Office of Town Clerk who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office. by S D Hall. Moderator of the meting and immediately Entered upon the Same—

Joseph B Adams Sworn March 7th 1864 by S D Hall Moderator
Jasper S Nelson " " " " "
William F Slocum " " " " "
George F Slocomb " " " " "
& George K Nichols " " " " "
To the Office of Selectmen.

Gilbert C Taft. Sworn April 25th 1864 By J W White Town Clerk
Chandler M Pratt
& Silas A Forbush Declined & S D Hall chosen Sworn April 25
To the Office of Assessors

Samuel Harrington
Stephen R White
Samuel A Knox

Oversees of the Poor - who were the same day duly sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of Office by J W White Town Clerk

George F Slocomb Town Treasurer - who was the same day duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his office by James W White Town Clerk

Salmon D Hall Sworn March 7th 1864. by James W White Town Clerk
Henry B Fairbanks
Stephen R White Sworn March 7th 1864 by James W White Town Clerk
Constables

Thomas C Bisco . . School Committee -

Jon.a D Wheler Truste of Riverside Cemetry

Samuel B Dolliver Truste of Pine Grove Cemetry -

At twenty minutes past twelve Oclock P.M. it was voted to adjourn for half an hour -

Met According to adjournment -

The full Board of Selectmen Elect came forward and were duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office by S D Hall Moderator in Open Town Meting and immediately entered upon the same

On Motion Voted to pas over the Second article for the present . and take up the Eleventh article in the Warrant

On Motion of John W Slocomb it was Voted to repair the Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year by a "Money Tax" -

Took up the Second article in the Warrant and by nomination chose

Joseph W Leland Sworn March 7th 1864 by S D Hall Moderator -
Lawson Munyan " " " " "
Winthrop Howe Sworn March 21st 1864 by James W White Town Clerk
Thomas Riordan Sworn March 12th 1864 by James W White Town Clerk
Joseph Merriam Jr Sworn March 12th 1864 by James W White Town Clerk
Joseph Kimball Sworn March 12th 1864 by James W White Town Clerk
Joseph Adams 2d Sworn March 9th 1864 by J W White Town Clerk
Orlando Whitney Sworn March 7th 1864 by J W White Town Clerk
Ashley W Rice Declined - (April 4th 276 Bizelow chosen)
Stephen R White Declined (" Alfred Morse Chosen Sworn by Moderator)
John P Crosby Declined (" Lewis Holbrook Chosen " by ")
Jon.a W Stow Sworn March 7th 1864 by S D Hall Moderator in town Meeting
Oliver Wheelock Sworn April 5th 1864 By J W White Town Clerk

Highway Surveyors for the Year Ensuing

On Motion Voted to choose three field drivers for the Year ensuing - Then by nomination Chose
John D Warren
Samuel H Knox
Lewis Sumner

Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing -

On Motion Voted to choose three Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing

Then by nomination chose
Horace Batchelor
Benjamin Haywood
Noah K Merriam

Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing -

On Motion Voted to choose One Surveyor of Lumber for the Year Ensuing - Then by nomination chose
Calvin Clisbee Surveyor of Lumber for the Year Ensuing -

On motion Voted to authorise the Selectmen to appoint Sealer of Weights and measures. Sealers of Upper Leather Measurers of Wood and Bark - weighers of Coal &c. -

On Motion Voted to Authorize the Several School Districts in the Town to choose their Own Prudential Committees for the Year Ensuing—

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be the auditing Committee of the Town for the Year Ensuing—

Took up the Sixteenth article in the Warrant— On Motion Voted. to Authorize the Prudential Committees in the Several School Districts to employ the School Teachers in their respective School Districts the ensuing Year—

Took up the third article in the Warrant.

The Selectmen having prepared their Report and caused the same to be printed and distributed.—it was on Motion Voted to accept the Selectmens Report as Printed which was as follows—

Selectmen's Report

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton.

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the close of their Official duties for the Year Ending March 7th 1864 Submit the following Report of the condition of the Town—

They have Settled with Horace S Warren Treasurer of said Town and find his account correct and as follows—

1863		Dr		
March 2	Cash on hand as per Report		43	43
" 9	" Rec'd of B Newton Collector for	1862	100	00
" 30	" Rec'd of B Newton Collector for	1862	100	00
April 15	" Rec'd of B Newton Collector for	1862	100	00
" 21	" Borrowed of Worcester Co Institution for Savings		5000	00
May 1	" Received on No. 7 3/10 Bond		1000	00
" "	" " Interest on Same from Feb 19th to May 1		14	20
" "	" " Premium on No 7 3/10 Bond		60	00

May	5	Cash Borrowed at Millbury Bank		1000 00
"	25	" Rec'd of W D Wheeler for Auctioneers License		2 00
"	29	" Borrowed of Millbury Bank		1000 00
June	23	" Borrowed of S Dinsmoor		1000 00
"	27	" Received of B Newton Collector for 1862		58 13
"	30	" " of Jas W White for dog Licenses		80 00
July	1	" " of Worcester Co. Institution for Savings		
		on 12 Bonds		12000 00
"	1	" " of Otis Norcross on 10 Bonds		10000 00
"	12	" " of Stat Treasurer for School fund		166 05
"	21	" Borrowed of Millbury Bank		2000 00
"	29	" Received of S Dinsmoor Collector for 1863		250 00
Aug	8	" received of do do		300 00
"	21	" received of do do		250 00
Sept	18	" received of Do do		300 00
Oct	6	" received of B Newton Collector for 1862		25 00
"	10	" received of S Dinsmoor Collector for 1863		350 00
"	14	" " " "		200 00
"	17	" " " " "		300 00
"	23	" " " " "		950 00
Nov	2	" " " " "		10,000 00
"	4	" " " " "		900 00
"	"	" Interest on 5-20 US Bond		30 00
"	"	" Premium on Gold		13 50
"	9	" " of S Dinsmoor Collector for 1863		1350 00
"	"	" of School District No 1 for Assessing Taxes		10 63
"	28	" " of Stat Treasurer for State Aid		6000 00
"	"	" of State Treasurer for Stat Bounties		7900 00
Dec	30	" of Stat Treasurer on Act of Stat Paupers		10 00
1864 Jany	1	" " of W D Wheeler on Act of Hall		5 17
Feb	3	" " of S Dinsmoor Collector for 1863		750 00
"	"	" of L W Dodge for Lock & Curtains		2 70
"	4	" of School District No 9 for Assessing Taxes		10 63
"	27	" of S Dinsmoor Collector for 1863		863 93
"	"	" Interest on Taxes paid since Nov 1st 1863		31 03
"	"	" of James W White Collector for 1860		1 87
"	"	" of B Newton Collector for 1862		23 00
"	"	" of James W White for Dog Licenses		25 20

Feb	27	Cash Recvd of James W White for rent of Hall	41	75	
"	"	" from Express for not returning A J Copps Remains	57	50	
"	"	" from Town of Sutton for Bounty of Soldiers refunded	700	00	65,375 72

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Paid H C Greenwood, School District No 1			819	70	
" S P Champney " " "	2		172	43	
" Thorndike Leonard " " "	3		188	92	
" Lewis Whitney " " "	4		186	43	
" Uriah B Johnson " " "	5		208	06	
" Clark C Willis " " "	6		382	52	
" Charles Brigham " " "	7		179	09	
" Bradford Chase " " "	8		171	76	
" J M Rockwood " " "	9		600	95	
" W Forehand & C Fowler " " "	10		189	76	
" J J Nelson " " "	11		188	09	3287 70
" H L Read Teacher of High School			700	00	
" Ellen L Biscoe Assistant do			69	50	
" W S Slocum - care of School Room			35	83	
" Rent of Building to Jany 1st 1864			225	00	
" Fuel for High School			21	68	1052 01
" William Miller for Services as General School Committee for year Ending March 1863			59	00	
" Thomas C Biscoe for Same			57	00	
" C C Wood for Same			36	00	152 00
" William Miller Expenses in Exchanging Arithmetics			5	75	5 75
" Breaking Out Roads & Shoveling Snow					39 71
" Railing Highways and repairing Bridges					39 11
" Geo F Slocomb Chief Engineer for Fire department					930 00
" State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester for Support of Mary H Cooper			59	20	
" " " Susan L Wheelock			151	34	
" " " Ann Cunningham			74	87	285 41
" Gilbert C Taft Services as Assessor		1863	60	00	
" Sam! Harrington do		do	38	75	
" Stationary for Assessors			1	75	101 50

Dr	Record & Receipt Books and Stationary for Office			25 12
"	Printing Warrants Notices Reports &c.			101 51
"	James W White			39 06
"	" Recording Marriages Births & Deaths	1863		35 30
"	James W White Recording Taxes for	1862		25 00
"	" " " Recording Taxes for	1863		25 00
"	" " " " Enrolled Militia	"		5 00
"	" " " Paid Express & Postage			9 81
"	" " " Book Shelves Spittoons &c for Office			1 50
"	" " " Fuel & Lights for Office from March 1st 1863 to Jany 1st	1864		15 71
"	Selectmens Services for Qrad ending March	1863		24 50
"	Posting Warrants & Notifying Town Officers of their Elections			24 00
"	L W Dodge Office rent 15 Mos			40 00
"	John S Kimpston for Calf Killed by Dogs			11 00
"	Lewis Daniels for care of Town Hall and Ringing Bell			30 00
"	Noah Fletcher Hook & Labor in Town Hall			5 10
"	A H Adams Damage to Plow on Highway			2 25
"	J Dadmun for Oil			95
"	Warren Hall for Lieut Stow's Address			3 00
"	Academy Hall for Enlisting purposes			6 00
"	C N Holden for Transportation of returned Soldiers of 51 Regt			8 00
"	Repairs on Tomb			17 00
"	Extra Repairs on Highways			156 93
"	Repairing & Painting Guide Boards			4 85
"	Charles Daniels for Services as Sexton to Sept 2 1863			95 40
"	N G Whitney do			67 70
"	W D Wheeler Settees & Chairs for Hall		239 60	
"	" " " Furniture & Fixtures for Hall & Office		230 47	470 07
"	J B White for Coal for Hall and Office			57 75
"	J B Adams for Recruiting Since Oct 1st 1863			329 86
"	" " for Wood for Hall & Office			3 50

		Paid J W White for Fixtures & Light for Hall & Office		21 29
		" " " for Work On Rebellion Record		18 00
		" Expenses incured in procuring the remains of Deceased Soldiers —		27 30
		" State Aid to Families of Volunteers		7201 17
		" James W White Services in paying the same		50 00
1863				
March	10	Paid Allen & Flagg 6 Mts Int. on 3000$ at 5 prcnt		75 00
April	22	" Allen & Flaggs Note		3000 00
	"	" Interest On Same		17 50
May	16	" Grafton Bank 6 mos Int. on $3000 —		75 00
"	"	" for Nil 5-20 Bond $1000 —		100 00
"	30	" Otis Norcross. 6 mos Int on $10. 122. 32.		253 06
July	1	" Note to Worcester Co Institution for Savings		5000 00
"	"	" Interest On Same		48 61
"	"	" Note to Grafton Bank		3000 00
"	"	" Interest on Same		18 33
"	"	" Notes to Otis Norcross		10.122 32
"	"	" Interest on Same		40 98
"	"	" Note to Millbury Bank		3500 00
"	"	" Interest on Same		87 50
Oct	26	" Part of County Tax		1059 91
Nov	3	" Note to Millbury Bank		4000 00
"	"	" Interest on Same		75 28
"	4	" Note to Sumner Dinsmor		1000 00
"	"	" Interest on Same		18 34
"	28	" State Tax for 1863		5208 00
"	"	" Bounty Tax		7418 45
Dec	5	" Note to Joseph Adams.		1000 00
"	"	" 1 Years Interest on Same		50 00
"	31	" Balance of County Tax		1059 00
Jany	1 1864	" Interest on Town Bonds.		550 00
		" L F C Garvin Member of Co. C 51st Regt Bounty		100 00
		" Board of John Howarth a disabled Soldier of Co G 15th Regt.		25 71
		" S Dinsmor for collecting Taxes for 1863		167 94
		" Josiah Hall Services as Sexton to date		28 60
		" John B White for Cushions		6 75

Paid S Harrington Overseer of the Poor		1279 61
" Lowell White for Paid for keeping Soldiers		3 00
" Assessors Orders of Abatement		134 98
Total Amount Paid		64.802 29
Total Amount Recived		65375 72
Balance in hands of Treasurer		573 43

Resources of the Town

Balance in hands of Treasures		573 43
Uncollected Taxes for	1861	592 35
" " " "	1862	128 79
" " " "	1863	581 41
U S 5-20 Bond		1000 00
Town Farm & Buildings		6000 00
Personal Property on Farm		2733 44
Three Fire Engines and Fixtures		341 00
Three Engine Houses Hook & Ladder House & Land		2350 00
Hook & Ladder Carriage and Apparatus		425 00
Furniture and Fixtures in Hall and Office		475 00
Old Safe		100 00
Due from State on Act. of State Paupers		17 50
Amt of Aid to be reimbursed from State		7045 06
Balance in hands of Engineers		5 04
Cash in hands of C A Pierce Book Agent		72 10
Books " " " " " "		43 03
Amt in hands of Liquor Agent		253 29
Due from State Treasures for State Aid for	1862	708 06
Total Assets		26.522 50

Liabilities of the Town

Town Bonds	22000 00
Amount of Assets over Liabilities	4522 50

At the following named places, Guide Boards are Erected and maintained within the Town — viz

At the corner of the roads near Warren Blocks near J D Wheelers, near S H Allen's — near William Wallace's — near S H Allens Barn — northerly of the residence of F Waterman — near the Indian Burying Ground — near Farnumsville School House — near the Store of A Morse — near Jefferson Bellows — near Farnumsville Depot — near the House of the late Nelson Ferry — near William Colbrooks — near H T Eddys — near Saunders Store — near J McClellans near the House known as the "Bush Tavern" — near Charles Daniels — at Each of the corners northerly of the Old Burying Ground — near Quinsigamond House N Village near H B Fairbanks' — near Dexter Hathaways near House on Town Farm — near Meeting House N E Village — near J W Putnams' — northerly of the House of C M Vinson — near Waterville School House — near Joseph Kimballs — at two places between the last named places — near Widow H J Bratts — near Calvin Clisbees — on the Barn of B W Fay — near L N Lelands — westerly of George Dunns — near Wm A Fiskes — near John O Kezers near Joseph Bruces near Capt. Benjamin Aldrich's —

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

John McClellan
Jos B Adams
Lowell White
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton March 7th 1864

A True Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Took up the 4th article in the Warrant and on motion Voted to accept the Treasuress Report as Printed which is as follows to wit

Treasures Report.

Town of Grafton in Account with Horace S Warren Treasurer

1863— Dr

March	10	Paid Allen & Flagg 6 mos interest on $3000.00 at 5 percent		75 00
April	22	" Allen & Flagg's Note		3000 00
"	"	" " " interest on Same		17 50
May	16	" Grafton Bank int. on $3000.00		75 00
"	"	" U.S. 5-20 Bond		1000 00
"	30	" Otis Norcross 6 mos interest on $10.122.32		253 06
July	1	" Note to Worcester Co Institution for Savings		5000 00
"	"	" interest on Same		48 61
"	"	" Note to Grafton Bank		3000 00
"	"	" interest on Same		18 33
"	"	" Notes to Otis Norcross		10.122 32
"	"	" Interest on Same		40 98
"	22	" Note to Millbury Bank		3500 00
"	"	" Interest on Same		87 50
Oct	26	" Part of County Tax		1059 91
Nov	3	" Note to Millbury Bank		4000 00
"	"	" Interest on Same		75 28
"	4	" Note to Summer Dinsmoor		1000 00
"	"	" Interest on Same		18 34
"	28	" State Tax for 1863		5208 00
"	"	" Bounty Tax		7418 45
Dec	5	" Note to Joseph Adams		1000 00
"	"	" 8 years interest on Same		50 00
"	31	" Balance of County Tax		1059 00
"	"	" Interest on Town Bonds		550 00
		" Selectmens Orders		16,977 33
		" Assessors Orders Abatement of Taxes		134 98
		" Stamps on Bonds and Notes		11 50
		" Recording Lease of Hall		1 20
				64,802 29

1863 Cr by Cash

March	2	On hand as per last Report		4343
"	9	Recieved of B Newton Collector for	1862	100 00
"	30	" " " " "	"	100 00
April	15	" " " " "	"	100 00
"	21	Borrowed of Worcester Co Institution for Savings		5000 00
May	1	Cash received for U S 7 3/10 Bond		1000 00
"	"	interest on same from Feb 19th to May 1st		11 20
"	"	Premium on Same		60 00
"	5	Borrowed at Millbury Bank		1000 00
"	25	Recieved of W D Wheeler for Auctioneers licens		2 00
"	26	Borrowed at Millbury Bank		1000 00
June	23	" of S Dinsmoor		1000 00
"	27	Recieved of B Newton Collector for 1862		58 13
"	30	" of James W White for Dog licenses		80 00
July	1	" of Worcester Co Institution for Savings on 12 Bonds		12000 00
"	1	" of Otis Norcross on ten Bonds		10000 00
"	12	" of State Treasurer School Fund		166 05
"	21	Borrowed of Millbury Bank		2000 00
"	29	Received of S Dinsmoor Collector for	1863	250 00
Aug	8	" " " " "	"	300 00
"	21	" " " " "	"	250 00
Sept	18	" " " " "	"	300 00
Oct	6	" of B Newton Collector for	1862	25 00
"	10	" " S Dinsmoor " "	1863	350 00
"	11	" " " " "	"	200 00
"	17	" " " " "	"	300 00
"	23	" " " " "	"	150 00
Nov	2	" " " " "	"	10.000 00
"	4	" " " " "	"	100 00
"	"	" interest on U S 5-20 Bond		30 00
"	7	" Premium on Gold		13 50
"	9	" of S Dinsmoor Collector for 1863		1350 00
"	"	" of School District No. 1 for Assessing Taxes		10 63
"	28	" of State Treasurer for State Aid		600 00
	"	" " " " " Bounties paid Volunteers		7900 00
Dec	30	" " " " " State Pauper		10 00

1864

Cr By Cash

Jan'y	1	Received of W D Wheeler on Acct of Town Hall	5	17
Feb	3	" " S Dinsmore Collector for 1863	750	00
"	"	" " L W Dodge for Lock & Curtains	2	70
"		" " School District No 9. - Assessing Taxes	10	63
"	27	" " S Dinsmore Collector for 1863	863	93
		" interest on Taxes paid Since Nov 1st	31	03
		" " James W White Collector for 1860	1	87
		" " P S Newton Collector " 1862	23	00
		" James W White for Dog Licenses	25	20
		" " " " for Rent of Hall	41	75
		" from Overseers for not returning A J Cossits Remains	57	50
		" from Town of Sutton	100	00
		Total Receipts	65,375	72
		Balance in hands of Treasurer	573	43

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

H S Warren Treasurer

Grafton March 7th 1864

A True Copy

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Took up the fifth article in the Warrant - and on Motion Voted to accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor as Printed - which is as follows viz

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Grafton respectfully present to the inhabitants of said Town their Annual Report of the Cost of Supporting the Poor from March 1st 1863 to March 7th 1864. -

Amount of Personal Property on hand March 1st 1863 as per Inventory	245 39
Interest on Real Estate	360 00
Agents Salary	281 00
Labor Exclusive of Agents Salary	338 47

Expenses on Farm for Stock, Boarding, Clothing, Medical attendance contingent expences &c.	122	17
Services of Overseers -	60	00
	4218	03
Amt of Personal Property on Hand March 1st 1864 as per Inventory	2733	44
Amount of Produce Sold the last year	919	34
Extra Expenses of improvements	50	00
	3702	18
Leaving a balance for Supporting Poor on the Farm	515	25

Whole number Supported or assisted on the farm 115 - Whole number of weeks 225. Average cost per week $ 2.29 -

Cost of Supporting Poor off the Farm

Edward Terrill	36	97
William H. Fisher	5	00
Mrs James Bonner	1	18
" Mat. Smith	12	28
" Redman	43	59
Jon[a] J Powers.	17	83
Mrs Howes.	8	09
Mrs Eliza Flagg	10	73
Mrs Jefferson Paine	7	10
Mrs Ann Batchelder	80	00
Mrs Deborah Warren	36	00
Misses Sally and Abigail Phillips	53	69
William Hartey	13	86
Peter Turkey (Turkey)	5	00
Charles M Sherman	52	00
Mrs Betsey Gates	72	42
Mrs Ann Perkins	4	63
George T Clark	12	38
John Aldrich	13	00
Sickness & Funeral Expenses of Mary Goodrich	45	60
Samuel Ciscoe Coffin for his Child	4	00
Funeral Expenses. Delia Gardner	9	00
" " Peter Gardner	3	75 -

Funeral Expenses of John Ketcheman	8 60
" Thomas Rice's Daughter	8 75
Expenses of removing five Children to State Almshouse at Monson	8 00
" Two journeys to Fitchburg and removing three Children of Martha Haynes	9 68
Assisting Strangers	4 90
	605 17
Refunded from the following towns-	
Wrentham for Wm H Fisher	12 00
Shirley for Jonathan J Powers	17 83
Northbridge for Mary L Sprague	16 94
Due from the State	17 50-
	64 27-
Balance for Supporting Paupers off the Farm	540 90
Total Expense for Supporting Paupers the present Year	1056 15
Valuation of Town Farm	6000 00
" Personal Property per inventory	2733 44
	8733 44

In conclusion will say that all bills due for the Support of Paupers to March 1st and the Agents Salary to the 1st of April 1864 are paid - There are five Paupers at the farm - Jacob Marble. Otis Daniels and three Children - The two former are aged and infirm. not One of whom are able to preform much labor -

There has been laid about twenty five rods of good wall with Stones taken from about five acres of tough bushy pasture land which has been broken up and sowed with winter rye which looks promising -

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Samuel Harrington
S R White
Samuel A Knox
} Overseers of the Poor

Took up the Sixth article in the Warrant and on motion voted to accept the Report of the Collector of Taxes as printed which was as follows— viz—

The Amount of Taxes committed by the Assessors of the Town of Grafton to Sumner Dinsmore Collector for 1863 is as follows—

1863 July 1	Town Grant	$10,000.00	
	County Order	2,118.91	
	State Order	5208.00	
	Overlayings	1843—	
	Total Tax	17,345.34	
Interest on Taxes Since Nov 1st 1863		31 03	$17,376.37

1863. July 29.	To Cash Paid Treasurer.			$ 250 00	
Aug 8	"	"	"	300 00	
" 21	"	"	"	250 00	
Sept 18	"	"	"	300 00	
Oct 10	"	"	"	350 00	
" 14	"	"	"	200 00	
" 17	"	"	"	300 00	
" 23	"	"	"	950 00	
Nov 2	"	"	"	10 000 00	
" 4	"	"	"	900 00	
" 9	"	"	"	1350 00	
1864 Feb 3	"	"	"	750 00	
" 27	"	"	"	863 93	
	Int. on Taxes paid Since Nov 1st 1863			31 03	16794.96
	Uncollected Taxes				581.41
					$17,376.37

Leaving an Amount of Taxes uncollected of $581.41 against the following persons. for the Amount set against their respective names—

Allen Newman C	2	00	Countermanche George	2	00
Aldrich Franklin	2	00	Claflin John A	2	00
Burlingame	2	00	Cosgrove James	2	00
Byron Marcus M	12	04	Corey Aaron Jr	7	02
Burke John	2	00	Cobb Roland	2	00
Burns Joseph	2	00	Dwyer James G	2	00
Beary James	2	00	Dumore Peter	2	00
Brooks Charles C.	2	00	Dagget Oliver	2	00
Barny. Bny^r F	2	00	Dagget Oliver Jr	2	00
Bennett Samuel C	2	00	Dandurant Anthony	2	00
Burns Richard	2	00	Drury Stillman S.	2	00
Bonn Joseph D	2	76	Daniels John	2	00
Burns John S	2	00	Daniels Joseph	2	00
Bardsley Joseph	2	00	Emory Henry W	2	00
Bennow Jerome	2	00	Fishlock Thomas	2	30
Brown James	2	40	Fairbanks Alton W	2	00
Balcom Willard D	8	02	Fontain Joseph	2	00
Bonner Joseph	2	00	Fallon Patrick	2	00
Burns Owen	2	00	Goddard Francis	2	00
Brooks Francis	2	00	Gafney Lawrence	2	00
Bibo Peter	2	00	Greenough John	2	00
Bryant Thomas C	2	00	Goyot Joseph	2	00
Ball Dexter	2	00	Gunther Edward	2	00
Carter Michael	2	00	Gleason James	2	00
Claflin John A.	2	00	Goulden C.S.	2	00
Clark Lorin S.	2	00	Gardner Francis	2	00
Couch Adam	2	00	Gay Orient S	2	00
Chichwain Charles	2	00	Hayden John C	2	00
Currier Leroy S.	2	00	Hartley William	2	00
Claflin Charles	2	00	Hitchins John	5	51
Claflin Harrison	2	00	Harper Augustus	2	00
Cady Curtis	2	00	Harrington Isaac C	2	30
Cady Henry K	2	00	Hawkins Amos A	2	00
Campbell Daniel A	2	00	Hudson Bradford	2	00
Congdon Seneca	9	03	Huckins Francis C	2	00
Curran Patrick	6	92	Heron S D	2	00
Claflin Willard G	2	00	Harris Charles	2	00
Caldwell Mathew	2	00	Henry Elbridge	2	00
Champney Preston A	2	00	Hagerty John	2	00

Holbrook Mary	5	02	Pierce Charles F	2	00
Harington Elijah	2	00	Putnam Charles	2	00
Jacobs Lewis	2	00	Putnam William H	2	00
Jamison Hugh	2	00	Pew Paul	2	00
Jennings Edward	2	00	Pratt James N	2	00
Johnson Henry G.	2	00	Putnam Emory	2	00
Julian Peter	2	00	Pratt C. M.	3	17
Kelly Patrick	2	00	Same as Admr Estate of Wm Hand	13	30
Knight Ivory	2	00	Pratt Richard K	2	00
Knight Estus B	2	00	Parridon Harrison	2	00
Kemp Georg H	2	00	Renshaw Joseph	2	00
Libert John	2	00	Rochford Patrick	2	00
Lafon Francis	2	00	Remington Isaac	2	00
Leland Augustus R	2	00	Rumney Jamis	2	00
Lafler Francis	2	00	Rice Henry	2	00
Lincoln Zebina C	2	00	Riley James	2	00
Lupin John	2	00	Riley John	2	00
Lucas Albert	2	00	Rice Alanson	2	00
Liberty Moses	2	00	Summerton Peter	2	00
Leisure Sally Mrs -	16	06	Shabbily John	2	00
Mason Peter Rev.	2	00	Sherry William	2	00
March Alfred	2	00	Shortsleeve Joseph	2	00
Mc Henry John	2	00	Summerton Francis	2	00
Miller Wallace T	2	00	Sawyer William A	8	02
Monroe Georg A	2	00	Sherman John A	2	00
Mineshan James	2	00	Sheehan John	2	00
Mc Dolan Patrick	2	00	Sibley Simeon	2	30
Mason Peter. Saundersville	2	00	Seadon Thomas -	2	00
Morse Mystic L	2	00	Sibley Hiram (Merriams)	2	00
Moore Thomas -	2	00	Sweeney John F	2	00
Meio Isaac	2	00	Smith George	2	00
Mc Partland John	2	00	Smith John 2	2	00
Mason Henry	2	00	Slyne Dennis	2	00
Moore Dwight L	2	00	Sullivan Patrick	2	00
Nolan Nathaniel	2	00	Sheehan Francis (centre)	2	00
Newton Georg M	2	00	Sawyer John	2	00
Orsay Alice D	2	00	Simmino Thomas	2	00
O'Neil James Jr	2	00	Sheppard L. E.	2	00
Pelican Noza	2	00	Stratton William	2	00

Tinas Richard	2	00	White S R Admr Est. Mrs S Cooper	4	02
Taft Emory A	2	00	White James	2	00
Tukey Peter	2	00	White William	2	00
Tirrell Edwin	2	00	White Merick D	2	00
Thompson Georg	2	00	Young. Joseph	2	00
Thorndike James F	80	91			
Wiss James	2	00	Non Residents		
Whitney Luther W	2	00	Bartlet Jonas	22	09
Whitney Georg T	2	00	Card Patrick	1	01
Whitney James D	2	00	Cooper Abner Heirs of	1	01
Whitcomb Levi S	2	00	Knowlton William	10	04
Wesson Calvin A	2	00	Lonsbury John R	2	57
Watters Andrew	2	00	Prov & Wor. R.R. Co.	1	57
Ward Patrick	2	00	Richardson Levi	6	02
Wesson Hale	2	00	Smith John	4	77
Walcott Artemas	2	00	Sadler Samuel	2	01
White B L	2	00	Shurtleff Thomas	5	02
White John	2	00	Tavernes Thomas	9	54

$581,41

All of Which is respectfully Submitted

S Dinsmore Collector

A True Copy

Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Took up the 7th Article in the Warrant. The Chief Engineer having prepared their Report and caused the same to be printed with Other Reports it was on motion Voted to accept the Engineers Report as printed which was as follows viz—

Town of Grafton in account with George F Slocomb Chief Engineer for Expenditures of the Fire Department for the Year ending March 7th 1864—

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By Cash received of C P Dennis	9	41	
" " . On Selectmens Orders.	930	00	939 41

Dr

Rescue Engine Co. No 1

Paid for Services of 47 men for Year Ending May 1st 1863	152	10	
" . Care of Engine and Apparatus 1 Year	10	00	
" " 150 feet New Hose.	186	00	
" . Express on Same		50	
" . Repairing Hose	4	00	
" " Sundry Bills	1	60	354 20

Emperor Engine Co No 2

Paid for Services of 54 men for Year Ending May 1st 1863	192	36	
" . Care of Engine and Apparatus 1 Year	10	00	
" N Hancocks Bill	10	13	
" C A Pullards Bill	1	44	
" G H Mansfields Bill	3	33	223 46

Blackstone Engine Co No 3

Paid for Services of 44 men for Year Ending May 1st 1863	180	06	
" " Care of Engine and Apparatus 1 Year	10	00	
" Alfred Moses Bill	4	98	195 04

Hook and Ladder Co No 1

Paid for Services of 27 men for Year Ending May 1st 1863	94	59	
" . Care of Carriage &c.	5	00	
" J W Lelands Bill	2	82	
" Sundry Bills	1	60	104 01

Paid D G Fairbanks Bill for 1861	7	00	
" Alfred Moses Bill . 1861-2	24	31	
" W B Cooks Bill 1862	15	00	
" Hunnimans Bill "	5	88	
" J R Chickerings Bill "	3	33	
" M R Hows. Bill	1	26	
" Grafton Mills		61	
" W Hows.		75	- 57 66

Amount of Cash Received	$ 939.41
Amount Paid Out	934.37
Balance on Hand	$ 5.04

All of which is Respectfully Submitted -
George F Slocomb. Chief Engineer

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Statement of the Amount of Aid rendered to the families of Massachusetts Volunteers enlisted as belonging to the Town of Grafton and the Amount to be reimbursed by the State and the amount Overpaid -

Name of Volunteer	Amt Paid	Amt. Reimb	Over Paid
James L Lee	144 00	144 00	
Mathew Smith	81 00	81 00	
James Hughes	52 00	52 00	
Joseph Bonnet	144 00	144 00	
A T Bryant	6 00	6 00	
Charles W Berry	51 00	51 00	
William Mathews	120 00	120 00	
Willie E Morse	54 00	54 00	
Charles H Oakes	52 00	52 00	
Alfred Snow	43 00	43 00	
Charles A Johnson	78 00	70 00	8 00
Curtis Cady	52 00	52 00	
James Howarth	56 80	56 80	
Samuel Young	52 00	52 00	
Lucius Boyden	76 00	76 00	
Gilbert E Balcom	61 00	61 00	
Charles E Howe	16 00	16 00	
Dexter B Hathaway	25 42	25 42	
James D Whitney	104 00	104 00	
Thomas D Allen	104 00	104 00	
R. A Leland	104 00	104 00	
Luther W Whitney	144 00	144 00	
James White	104 00		104 00
Peter Baras	45 00	45 00	
Edward S Johnson	52 00	52 00	

	Pd	Remunerated	
Joshua K Parmenter	144 00	144 00	
Augustus C Davis	52 00	52 00	
Calvin A Wesson	52 00	52 00	
Joseph Grimm	52 00	52 00	
Hugh Jamison	104 00	104 00	
Georg R Brown	104 00	104 00	
William A Cossit	22 00	22 00	
James S Kirkup	44 00	44 00	
John G Thornton	52 00	52 00	
Richard Johnson	104 00	104 00	
Bradford C Aldrick	44 00	44 00	
Leroy S Currier	104 00	104 00	
Alpheus Remick	144 00	144 00	
Rufus A Rhodes	16 00	16 00	
Alfred Howe	104 00	104 00	
Georg A Macker	104 00	104 00	
Louis S Clarke	169 00	144 00	25 00
John S Burns	72 00	72 00	
Joseph Bardsley	144 00	144 00	
Austin Putnam	48 00	48 00	
Willard Classe	120 00	120 00	
William A Classe	8 00	8 00	
Charles L Mitchell	96 00	96 00	
George C Burns	72 00	72 00	
Henry A Frissell	104 00	104 00	
John M Sargent	12 00	12 00	
Patrick Kelly	104 00	104 00	
J.C. Holt	49 00	49 00	
Thomas C Bryant	104 00	104 00	
Orrin T Stacy	104 00	104 00	
Franklin Whitney	104 00	104 00	
John Keyes	144 00	144 00	
Abel H Balcom	144 00	144 00	
Timothy Sullivan	52 00	52 00	
Silas W Smith	144 00	144 00	
John R Smith	144 00	144 00	
Caleb W Wheeler	52 00	52 00	
Joseph Buxton	104 00	104 00	
Georg N French	44 00	42 86	1 14

Chuney Lathe Jr	44 00	42 86	1 14
Edward S Chamberlin	44 00	42 86	1 14
William H Fisher	60 00	58 80	1 20
Georgd B Pratt	44 00	42 86	1 14
Emory A Tafft	44 00	42 86	1 14
Samuel H Pratt	48 00	48 00	
James Gleason	60 00	58 80	1 20
Ira C Aldrich	44 00	42 86	1 14
Georgd C N Webster	22 00	21 43	57
Charles J Holden	60 00	58 80	1 20
John W Bigelow	62 00	62 00	
Otis B Pratt	60 00	58 80	1 20
Dwight L Moore	60 00	58 80	1 20
Joseph K Axtell	44 00	42 86	1 14
Abram Van Curin	44 00	42 86	1 14
John H Drury	44 00	42 86	1 14
William H Hammond	22 00	24 43	57
James W McKenzie	44 00	42 86	1 14
Daniel C Brown	26 00	25 43	57
Donald A Campbell	104 00	104 00	
Edward Bonnie	90 00	90 00	
James Wesson	68 00	68 00	
B F Barney	90 80	90 80	
Charles Snow	60 00	60 00	
Martin V Powers	64 57	64 57	
Charles Putnam	32 28	32 28	
Edwin A Howe	64 00	64 00	
John C McCallan	100 00	100 00	
Thomas H Brewer	64 00	64 00	
Henry K Cady	20 57	20 57	
Henry A Peckham	30 00	30 00	
Martin T Hildrith	10 28	10 28	
Edward Tirell	32 40	32 40	
Joel F Cobb	26 00	26 00	
Marcus M Byron	29 20	29 20	
Charles Claflin	20 29	20 29	
Thomas O Lucas	25 42	25 42	
Stephen N Sougu Jr	25 42	25 42	

Benjamin W Knight	18	72	18	72	
Augustus J Leland	24	00	24	00	
William Fullerton	24	00	24	00	
James Minehan	8	00	8	00	
Moses Rivod	16	00	16	00	
Joseph C Webb	16	00	16	00	
George W Walcott	16	00	16	00	
Joseph Wilson	4	00	4	00	
John Roberson	12	00	12	00	
Stephen Roberson	8	00	8	00	
John La Flamme	4	00	4	00	
Ora S Gibbs	12	00	12	00	
Total	$ 7201.	17.	7045,	06	156. 11

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

The following is the Report of Samuel Harrington Liquor Agent. as Printed –

1863

Feb 24th By Cash on Hand	71.24		
" Liquors on hand	132.31		
" Casks & Fixtures	17 85		
Amt. of Liquors Sold from Feb 24th 1863 to March 1st 1864	512 86		
Casks Sold	12,60	–	746. 86
To - Paid for Liquors from Feb 24th 1863 to March 1st 1864,	663 46		
Agents Salary	20,00		
Government Licens	15 83		
Freights	11 45	=	710.74
March 1st 1864 Cash on hand			$ 36.12
" Amt of Liquors on hand			201. 87
Casks and Fixtures			17 30
			$ 255, 29
Amount due Town March 1st 1863			221. 40
Grafton March 1st 1864			$ 33. 89

Samuel Harrington Agent

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

The following is the Report of C A Pierce
Book Agent. as Printed —

1863				
Feb 16th	By Cash on hand		$ 77.06	
	" Books on hand		39 55	
	Amt Sold from Feb 16th 1863 to Feb 16th 1864		272.26 —	388.87
	Paid for Books from Feb 16. 1863 to Feb 16 1864	286. 67		
	Bills Unpaid (cash Reserved	5 40		
	Agents Percent.	24.70		316.77
				$ 72,10
1864 Feb 16	By Cash on hand			43,03
	Books on hand			$ 115,13

Amt Feb 16 - 1863 -	116 61	
" " " 1864	115. 13	
Showing a loss of Only	$ 1. 48	

Though $ 10.13 worth of Books have been given to Children Unable to pay —

C A Pierce Agent.

Grafton Feb 16th 1864

Took up the 8th Article in the Warrant.
The General School Committee not being prepared to Report it was voted to pass over the Article for the present

Took up the 9th article in the Warrant
The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery not being prepared to Report it was Voted to pass Over the Article for the present.

Took up the 10th Article in the Warrant.
The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery not being prepared to Report it was voted to pass over the Article for the present

Took up the 12th Article in the Warrant.
On Motion Voted to Raise Twelve Thousand Dollars Money Tax to defray Town Charges. for the Year Ensuing

On Motion Voted to appropriate Three Thousand Dollars for Common Schools. for the Year Ensuing.

On Motion Voted to appropriate. Twelve hundred Dollars for High School for the Year Ensuing –

On Motion Voted to appropriate Twelve hundred Dollars for repairing Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen appropriate the remainder. to the payment of Current Expenses- Rents- Interest &c. –

Took up the 13th Article in the Warrant –
On Motion Voted to adopt the Same rules in regard to discount and the collecting of Taxes- and paying the Same into the Treasury. as were adopted last Year which were as follows– Viz
"Voted to allow no discount On Taxes the Ensuing Year"–
"and that All Poll Taxes be collected on demand"–
and that all Taxes- be collected and paid in to the Treasury on or before the first day of November next. and that all Taxes remaining unpaid after that day be subject to an addition of One percent per month until paid and all Legal cost for collecting – The Collector to pay Over to the Treasurer all money by him collected. Once in ten days from the time he recieves his Tax Bill –

On Motion Voted to put up the collecting of the Taxes at Auction to the Lowest Bider which was accordingly done. and Edward B Bigelow Offered to collect them for One and One Eighth (1⅛) percent and no One Offering to collect them for less. they were struck off to him at that price –

Edward B Bigelow was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Collector of Taxes June 30th A.D 1864 before me
James N White Town Clerk

Took Up the Second Article in the Warrant -
and by Ballot chose E B Bigelow. Collector of Taxes
for the Year Ensuing -

Took Up the 14th Article in the Warrant.
On Motion Voted to allow the Sextons for Burying the Dead
the Same compensation which was allowed them last year
which was two dollars and fifty cents for diging and
filling the Grave Ringing the Bell to give notice of a Death
and Tolling the Bell at the Funeral, and Attending the
Funeral with his Horse and the Towns Hearse
Said two dollars and fifty cents to be in full for all
of Said Services as Sexton -

Took Up the 15th Article in the Warrant -
On Motion Voted to allow Firemen the Same compensation
for the Year ensuing which was allowed Firemen for
their Services the past Year which was as follows viz
The number of Men for Each Engine Company
to be limited to forty five - That they Each receive
five dollars a Year for their Services and if any do not
Serve a full Year. they Shall recieve pay in proportion
to the time they do Serve

Took Up the 17th Article in the Warrant.
On Motion Voted to accept the "List of Names" prepared
by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box which
was as follows. Excepting the Name of William A
Fish who had been drawn as a Juror. after the List
was prepared and posted -

The following is a List of Names prepared by the Selectmen of Grafton to be placed in the Jury Box for the Year ensuing February 18th 1864-

Seth J Axtell
Joseph B Adams
Luke F Allen
Cyrus D Aldrich
Jonas H Allen
Jefferson Bellows
Wm T Barker
Horace P Brown
William H Brown
Horace Batchelor
S P Champney
John P Crosby
Hollis Chamberlin
Richard R Crane
John M Davenport
Summer Dinsmore
Samuel B Dolliver
Loren Davis.
George W Estabrook
Winthrop Faulkner
Hiram Fernald
Noah Fletcher
Benjamin W Fay
Silas A Forbush
Charles Goddard Jr
Perley Goddard
J Augustus Goddard
J J Goodrich
Levi C Heywood
William H Harrington
John P Hayden
Lewis Holbrook
Uriah B Johnson
Royal A Keith
Elijah B Knowlton
Levi N Leland
Rodney Leland
Benj[a] K Moulton
John M Newton
Barnabas Newton
James G Putnam
Leander S Pratt
John Putnam
Henry G Prentice
Samuel W Putnam
Ashley W Rice
Georg H Rugg
Jon[a] M How
Ezek Saunders
John C Sinclair
John A Sweetser
Cyrus W Stratton
Silas C How
Georg F Slocomb
Silas Vinton.
Moses C Woodbury
John Whitney
Frederick Waterman
Stephen R White
Horace L Warren
Rufus C Warren
Willard D Wheeler
Nathaniel G Whitney
Clark C Willis
Henry Wesson-

A True Copy Attest James R White Town Clerk

Took up the 18th Article in the Warrant-
On Motion Voted to lay over the Article for the present-

Took up the 19th article in the Warrant-
On Motion Voted That the High School be kept the Ensuing Year within the limits of School District number One -

Took up the 20th Article in the Warrant
On Motion Voted to Authorize the Selectmen. to cause one of the Church Bells in the centre of the Town to be Rung at twelve Oclock M. and at nine Oclock P.M. the ensuing Year

Took up the 21st article in the Warrant -
On Motion Voted to pass Over the Article -

On Motion Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the fourth day of April next at One Oclock in the afternoon
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 4th A D 1864
The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton pursuant to adjournment from the Seventh day of March now last past. and transacted the following business viz-

The Meeting was called to Order by S D Hall Moderator. and the Records of the Meeting held March Seventh A D 1864 were read by the Town Clerk -

It appearing that Several Vacancies Exist in the Board of Town Officers. it was on Motion Voted to proceed to the Choise of Officers to fill Said Vacancies -

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant- and By Ballot Chose S D. Hall Assessor in place of S A Forbush. who was chosen to that Office March 7th 1864 But declined Serving - S D Hall was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office April 25th A D 1864 by me James W White Town Clerk

By Ballot chose S. A. Knox Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery in place of Samuel B Dolliver who was chosen to that Office March 7th A D 1864 but declined Serving.

By Nomination Chose
Bucklin Adams.
E B Knowlton. Sworn Oct 3d 1864 at 10 oclock P M By me J W White Town Clerk
& Perley Goddard Sworn May 26th A D 1864 by J W White Town Clerk
Fence Viewers in place of those chosen March 7th A D 1864 but declined Serving—

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to have charge of All Bridges in town of Over Eight feet Sluice— —

Took up the Eighth Article in the Warrant.
The General School Committee not being prepared to Report it was on Motion Voted to pass over the Article —

Took up the 9th Article in the Warrant.
The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery Presented their Report which was accepted

1863 Riverside Cemetery in Ac^t with
Rufus E Warren Treasurer.

Cr.

March 2d. Balance on hand as per ~~last~~ Report	$71 25
Rec^d for & Wood Sold & Labor on Lots	119,97
Total	$191,22
Dr Paid for Labor &c. on Cemetery	54 95
Leaving a Balance on hand of	$136,27

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted
Rufus E Warren Treasurer

Grafton March 7th 1864
A True Copy
~~Attest~~
James W White Town Clerk

Took Up the 10th Article in the Warrant.

The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery Submitted their Report which was accepted as follows

The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery ask leave to present to the Town of Grafton the following as their financial account for the Year Ending March 31st 1864 –

The Trustees have Examined their Treasurers account for the Year and find it Correct. –

Resources.

Due from Sundry Persons-	$ 178,65
Wood	9 00
Cash in hands of their Treasurer C M Pratt	9,55
	$197, 20

Liabilities

R D Chase	7,88
A H Allen	19 89
E B Brooks	11,70
	39, 47
Balance in favor of the Cemetery	$ 157,73

The Trustees State that during the past Year they have Expended in building Steps and Other improvements Over One hundred Dollars. And that during the coming Year a much larger Sum must be Expended in laying out burial Lots. and creating Roads and Avenues –

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted –

C M Pratt
J H Allen
S W Putnam
} Trustees

Grafton Mass
April 4th 1864

A True Copy Attest

James M White Town Clerk

Took up the 21st article in the warrant.

The Committee chosen at the Annual meting of the Inhabitants of Grafton. in the Year 1863. to take Charge of and make repairs on the Old Burying Ground. mad their Report which was Accepted as follows- viz-

The Report of the Committee on the Old Burying Ground -

1863 April 28th	Paid Samuel Ciscoe for laying up Wall	$ 0,40
June 2	To 2 hours work making Road around the South part of Said Ground at 12½ As pr hour	3,38
June 4th	to 17 hours work	2,12
" 5	to leveling off before the Tomb on Said Ground	1 80
August	to Mowing & Raking the Burying Ground	11,00
	The Whole Amount Expended	$24,70

The Committee would recommend to the Town to have the Wall on the West Side and North End repaired as it was the intention of the Said Committee -

Would Also recommend that a Committee of three be chosen by the town to take care of the Old Burying Ground -

Charles Goddard
Rodney Leland
Joseph Adams 2d

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk -

Took up the 15th Article in the Warrant and on Motion voted to Re-consider the vote passed on the Seventh day of March now last past whereby the compensation of Firemen for the Year Ensuing. was fixed at five dollars Each - and on Motion voted to allow Firemen Six dollars. Each for the Year ensuing instead of five dollars - Adjourned for 15 minuts -

Met according to Adjournment - and took up the 11th Article in the Warrant and on Motion voted that the Highway Surveyors. be authorized to allow One Shilling per hour for man and for Oxen to work on the highways - the compensation for the use of Carts Plows. and other Tools left discretionary with Surveyors -

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Took up the Eighteenth article in the Warrant
On Motion Voted to Choose a Committee of three to Examine into the wants of Pine Grove Cemetery in relation to fence an Report at some future meeting-
By nomination Chose S A Knox J H Allen & E B Bigelow Said Committee-

Then Voted that this Meeting be now dissolved

Attest James N White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton On Monday the fourth day of April next at two Oclock P M to act on the following articles to wit

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting

" 2d To See if the Town will authorise their Treasurer to borrow Money for the use of the Town or act thereon

" 3d To See if the Town will procure a new Hearse or act thereon

" 4th To See if the Town will vote the use of the Town Hall to the Methodist Society in the Centre of Grafton for religious meetings on the Sabbath the Society paying the Expense of warming lighting and taking care of the Same, as petitioned for by John W Slocomb and Others or act thereon-

Art 5th To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the purpose of procuring its proportion of the quota of Volunteers in the Military Service called for from the commonwealth under the Orders of the President of the United States dated October 17th 1863. and Feby 1st 1864. and in paying and refunding money which has been already paid or contributed by individuals in aid of and for the purpose of procuring its proportion of said quota. or act thereon—

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of Said Town, and at the Post Offices in New-England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time for holding said Meeting—

Hereof Fail Not: and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under Our hands this twenty second day of March in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty four—

Jos B Adams
Jasper S Nelson
Wm F Slocum
George F Slocomb
Geo K Nichols
} Selectmen of Grafton—

Worcester ss April 4th A D 1864

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an ~~Attested~~ Copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of the town and at the Post Offices in New England village, Farnums ville and Saunders village, Seven days at Least before the time for holding said meeting as therein directed—

I D Hall. Constable of Grafton

~~Attest~~
A True Copy
~~Attest~~

James A White Town Clerk—

Grafton April 4th A D 1864

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the fourth day of April A D 1864 at two Oclock P M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. and Transacted the following Businss. viz.

1st By Ballot chose S D Hall Moderator—

Took up the 2d Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to Authorise the Treasurer. to borrow money for the use of the Town under the direction of the Selectmen from time to time as the same may be needed—

Took up the third article in the Warrant. and on Motion Voted to Authorize the Selectmen to procure a new Hearse. to be kept near the center of the Town—

Took up the 4th Article in the Warrant.

A Motion was made by Barnabas Newton that the Town grant the use of the Town Hall to the Methodist Society in the center of the town according to the condition named in this article

Winthrop Faulkner Offered an amendment to Mr Newtons Motion. "that the whole matter of letting the Town Hall. be left entirely in the hands of the Selectmen. after some discussion Rejected.

Willard D Wheeler. Offered as an amendment to Mr Faulkners Amendment "that it is the Opinion of the Town that the Hall should not be rented for less than three dollars per Sabbath" - which amendment was accepted by Mr Faulkner -

The Vote being taken on the amendment offered by Mr Faulkner as thus amended, it was carried in the Affirmative - The Vote then being taken on the Original Motion of Mr Newton as amended was carried in the affirmative

Took up the 5th Article in the Warrant, and On Motion Voted to Raise and Appropriate Twenty Seven hundred dollars for the purposes Enumerated in this Article —

Treasurers Bond

Know all Men by these presents that We George F Slocomb of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Common-wealth of Massachusetts as Principal, and John W Slocomb and Augustus Slocomb of Said Grafton as Sureties are holden and firmly Bounnd to Said Town of Grafton, or its certain Attorney, in the Sum of twenty thousand dollars. for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents —

Sealed with Our Seals. and dated this Eighth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty four.—

The Condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas. the Said George F Slocomb has bein chosen Treasurer for Said Town of Grafton for the current Year and has accepted Said Office. and — duly Sworn to the discharge of the duties thereof — Now if the Said George F Slocomb as Treasurer as aforesaid. Account for all Monies which may come into his possession, and also with diligence and fidelity discharge — other Legal duties of the aforesaid Office. then this Obligation Shall be void. Otherwise it Shall remain in full force and Virtue —

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of John W Bigelow

George F Slocomb L S
John W Slocomb L S
Augustus. Slocomb L S

Approved
Jos B Adams
Jasper S Nelson
Geo R Nichols
Wm F Slocum

A True Copy
Attest
James W White Town Clerk

To J H Smith Esq One of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Worcester. Commonwealth of Massachusetts-

Respectfully Show the Undersigned. Three of the Trustees of a Religious Society in New England Village in Grafton in Said County Called "the Methodist Episcopal Society" being desirous of having the Trustees of Said Society duly Organized as a corporation according to Law. request You to Issue a Warrant directed to One of the Petitioners requiring him to warn the Trustees of Said Society to meet at the time and place appointed in in Said Warrant to act on the following matters and things viz

First—to Choose a Secretary. Moderator. and Such Other Officers as may be necessary and authorized by Law-

Second- To adopt Such By Laws. as may be deemed desirable and act any thing thereon—

New England Village
Grafton Mass.
Jan. 20th 1864

George O Chapman
H B Fairbanks
J G Dimond.

L.S. Commonwealth of Massachusetts-
Worcester ss-

To J G Dimond. one of the above Petitioners
Greeting

You are hereby commanded to call and warn a meeting of the Trustees of Said Religious Society to meet in the Vestry of the Meeting House Occupied by Said Society. on Saturday March 26th—at Eight Oclock P.M. then and there to act on the Several matters and Objects Stated in the Several Articles contained in the foregoing petition- and you will cause Notice to be given. and this Warrant to be Served by posting up an attested Copy of the Warrant and the petition aforesaid on the principal Outer Door of Said Meeting House. Seven Days at least bfore the time of Said Meeting. and

Make due return of your doings thereon to the Subscriber or Some Other Justice of the Peace in and for Said County

Given under my Hand and Seal of Office this third day of March A D Eighteen hundred and Sixty four

J H Smith Justice of the Peace

Worcester ss March 26th 1864

By Virtue of the within Warrant to me directed I have notified the Trustees of Said Religious Society of the time place and purposes of Said Meeting by posting a true and attested Copy of Said Warrant and petition on the Principal Outer Door of Said Meeting House Seven days before Said Meeting

J G Dimond

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Trustees of Said Religious Society met in the Vestry of Said Meeting House on Saturday Evening March 26th 1864 and J H Smith Esq presiding. J G Dimond was chosen by Ballot to Serve as Secretary and was duly Sworn as appears by the following Certificate -

Worcester ss. Grafton Mass. March 26th 1864

Then J G Dimond having been Elected to Serve as Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Society in New England Village made Oath that he would faithfully discharge the Duties of his Said Office J H Smith Justice of the Peace

[Stamp]

The foregoing is a true copy of the Record of the proceedings in Organization of the Methodist Episcopal Society in New England Village Mass

Attest L S M S R J G Dimond Secretary of Said Society

$1,05

A True Copy Received April 4th A D 1864 at 8h 30m A M.

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 19th 1864

At a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held this day for the purpose of appointing the Several Town Officers whose appointment was authorized by vote of the Town passed March 7th 1864 the following persons were appointed to the following Offices viz

George H Mansfield
William G Palmer
L. H Bigelow
George F Slocomb
Horace S Warren
Henry F Wing
Barnabas Newton
James Gleason
Alfred Morse
Stephen R White
Charles Fowler
Silas C How.

As Engineers for the Fire Department

Nathan Hancock. Sealer of Weights and measures and Measurer of Grain. who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of both of said Office April 26th A D 1864 by me James W White Town Clerk.

Samuel Harrington
Augustus Slocomb
C B Bigalow
Joseph Willard
William T Barker
S C Goulding
Robert D Chase. Sworn May 4th 1864 by J W White Town Clerk
John C Davis
William A White
H D Fisher
Gilbert C Taft
Charles Fowler

Measurers of wood and bark (Fee 10 cts pr Load

up

Lewis M Dodge.
George W Estabrook Sworn June 2d A D 1864. by James W White J.P. —
Measurers of Upper Leather —

Samuel Harrington
Cyrus D Aldrich
William T Barker
William A White
Charles Fowler
Weighers of Coal &c. (Fees not to exceed 16 cts pr load)

Grafton May 3. A D 1864
At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, held this third day of May A D 1864. Robert D Chase was appointed a police Officer with all the powers of Constable. Except the power of Serving and Executing civil Process. — for the remainder of the municipal Year
Geo K Nichols. Clerk of the Board of Selectmen

A True Copy
Attest
James W White Town Clerk

Grafton May 4th A D 1864
Robert D Chase Personally appeared and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office to which he had been appointed by the Selectmen. as above recorded — before me
James W White Town Clerk

Grafton May 3d 1864
At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held this third day of May A D 1864 James W White was appointed an agent for the Town to Purchase intoxicating Liquors and sell the same within and for the Town for Medicinal Chemical and Mechanical purposes — and no other

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Sixth day of June next at two Oclock P. M. to act on the following Articles to wit

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting -

Art 2d To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to procure volunteers to fill its quota under any or all future calls of the President of the United States for men for the Military or Naval Service, and pay Bounty and Expenses therefor, or act thereon -

Art 3d To see if the Town will accept and allow the Location of a Town way as located and laid Out by the Selectmen from a point near the house of Silas Viaton to a Bar-way near the most northerly house of Henry F Wing in Downingville (so called) and cause the same to be made or act thereon -

Art 4th To hear the Report of any Out Standing Committee and act thereon -

And You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time for holding said Meeting -

Hereof Fail not and make due return of this

(at)

Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid -

Given under our hands this twenty eighth day of May in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty four -

Jos B Adams
J S Nelson
Wm F Slocum
G F Slocomb
Geo K Nichols
} Selectmen of Grafton -

Worcester June 6th A D 1864

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums ville and Saunders Village, Seven days at least before the time for holding said Meeting - as therein directed -

L. D. Hall. Constable. of Grafton

A True Copy

James N White Town Clerk

Grafton June 6th A D 1864.

The inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs. met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at two Oclock P.M. June Sixth A D 1864. pursuant to the foregoing warrant, and transacted the following business viz

1st. By Ballot chose L D Hall Moderator -

Took up the Second Article in the warrant and on motion Submitted in writing it was voted - That the Selectmen be authorized and

directed to raise as many Volunteers as they shall deem necessary to fill the quota of the Town in anticip-ation of or under any future call of the Pisident of the United States until the first day of March next for men for the Military or Naval Service, and pay a Bounty of One hundred and twenty five Dollars for Each Volunteer and Such Expences therefor as may be Legally paid or appropriatid by the Town -

Took up the third article in the Warrant.

The Selectmen presented their Report of the laying out and Locating of a Town way as follows- Viz-

"At a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, held at their Office in Said Grafton on the third day of May A D 1864.

Whereas Jonathan D Wheeler and four Others, Citizens of Grafton respectfully petition for the Laying out for the use of the Town, of a Town Way commencing on the Old Road leading from Grafton Common to Worcester, near the House of Silas Winton, thence in a northerly direction over land of Said Winton, Cyrus W Grafton, Henry F Wing- and Jonathan D Wheeler to the Bar way near the most Northerly House of Henry F Wing in Downingville so called - On the petition aforesaid the Selectmen voted to meet on monday the ninth day of May A D 1864 at Six Oclock P M. to view the proposed location for a Town Way. and having met in accordance with Said vote and viewed the proposed Location for a Town way It was Ordered by Said Selectmen that the Clerk of the Board notify according to law all persons and Corporations interested therein. that the Said Selectmen would meet at their Office in Said Grafton on tuesday the Seventeenth day of May current at One Oclock P M and there hear all persons and corporations interested therein who might then and there desire to be heard thereon and "that all parties interested be notified to appear and Show cause if any why Said road Shall not be laid out" - -

And having met at the time and place and for the purposes before mentioned, it then and there appearing that said Order of notice had been duly served, and having heard all persons and Corporations interested therein who Expressed a desire to be heard thereon, It was considered and adjudged that the request of the said petitioners, Ought to be granted—

Whereupon said Selectmen proceeded to lay out and locate a Town way over the road set forth in said petition as hereafter described to wit Commencing on the northerly line of the Old Road (called Oak Street) leading from Grafton common to Worcester at a Stake Standing on the Easterly line of said location Eleven links from the South westerly corner of the Land=ing of the House of Silas Vinton, Thence N 5° W. Six rods and five links to a Stake near the Southwesterly corner of Silas Vintons Barn. Thence N. 3° 30' W. fifteen Rods and twenty four links to a Stake, Thence N. 6° W. Eleven Rods, Eleven and one half links to the Bar way near the most northerly House of Henry F Wing being the Northerly terminus of said Town Way. Said Town way is in its whole length, thirty two rods and twenty one links and is located two rods wide and on the westerly side of said Bounds and adjoining thereto, and is over Lands of Silas Vinton, Cyrus W Stratton, Henry F Wing and Jonathan D Wheeler, Each and all of whom waive all claim to any reward or damage by reason of the laying out and locating of said Town way— and no damage is awarded—

Dated at Grafton this Seventeenth day of May A D 1864

Filed in Town Clerks Office May 30th A D 1864
James W White
Town Clerk

Joseph B Adams
Wm F Slocum
George F Slocomb
Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

On Motion Voted to accept the laying Out and locating of Said Town Way as Laid Out and Located by the Selectmen, and described in their Report. and cause the Same to be made -

On motion Voted to choose a committee of three to cause Said road to be made - and by nomination chose, Jonathan D Wheeler. Lewis Holbrook and Abram M Bigelow Said committee -

Took up the 4th Article in the Warrant.
The committee Chosen on the fourth day of April AD 1864 to Examine into the wants of Pine Grove Cemetery in relation to fence & Submitted the following Report viz

"The Committee appointed at the last Town Meeting for the purpose of making an Estimate of the probable Expense of fencing and grading Avenues at Pine Grove Cemetery have attended to that duty and now beg leave to Report Your Committee have measured the North East and South Lines and find them as follows. North Line 34½ Rods. East line 17¾ rods South line 36 rods making the three lines 87¾ (87¼) rods. The Trustees have repaired the Old fence on the North and South lines. making it passible for the This Year - On the East line of the 17¾ rods and about 4 rods on the North line there is no fence. Your Committee recommend that there be a fence built Soon by Setting down Posts and nailing on three rails. which is Estimated will cost two dollars per rod - The Undersigned in consequence of the absence of the Hon E B Bigelow Chairman of this Committee together with the heavy drafts already upon the Treasury recommend that the South line and the remainder of the north line remain without rebuilding the fence the present Year - Your Committee recommend that the North avenue be graded Soon which is Some 25 Rods in Length and by Estimation will cost two dollars per Rod -

(up)

All of which is most respectfully Submitted
Grafton June 6th 1864

J H Allen
S A Knox
} Committee

A True Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

On motion Voted to accept said Report. and that the Trustees. - be authorized to make the necessary repairs according to the recommendation of the Committee

All the Articles in the Warrant having been acted upon the meeting was dissolved -
Attest James W White Town Clerk -

Grafton June 15th 1864

At a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held on the fifteenth day of June A.D 1864. the following persons were appointed to office viz -

Caleb Wood was appointed Pound Keeper. And was duly Sworn to the faithful Discharge of the duties of his Office June 16th A.D 1864 by me James W White T. Clerk

John P Leland was appointed Field driver. and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office June 16th A.D 1864 by me James W White Town Clerk

Nathaniel G Whitney was appointed Field driver

N & R $0,50

Know all men by these presents that We Edward B Bigelow of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Common-wealth of Massachusetts as principal and Abram M Bigelow and Jonathan D Wheeler of said Grafton as sureties, are holden and firmly bound to said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorney in the Sum of twenty five thousand Dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves & Our heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents-

Sealed with Our Seals and dated this first day of July in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty four. — The condition of this Obligation is Such. that Whereas the said Edward B Bigelow has been chosen Collector of Taxes for said Town of Grafton for the current Year and has accepted that Office and been duly Sworn to the discharge of the duties of the Same

Now if the said Edward B Bigelow shall as collector as aforesaid faithfully Collect, account for and pay over all taxes which he Shall be legally required to Collect and Also with diligence and fidility discharge all the Other Legal duties of the aforesaid office. Then this Obligation Shall be void. Otherwise it Shall remain in full force and Virtue -

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of James W White
M L Greenwood

Edward B Bigelow L S
A M Bigelow L S
Jon^{a} D Wheeler L S

Approved July 5th 1864

Joseph B Adams
J S Nelson
Wm F Slocum
G F Slocomb
Geo H Nichols
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

28. Rec'd Oct 5. 1864

Grafton Oct 5 1864

Whereas a controversy has arisen between Henry Crippen of Grafton. and Paul Pruc of said Grafton about their respective rights in a partition fence between their Lands.

We the Subscribers, Fence Viewers of the Town of Grafton duly Chosen and Sworn having on the application of the said Paul Pruc (and after having given due notice to said Henry Crippen) Viewed the premises and duly considered the matter in dispute. have assigned and do hereby Assign to Each of the said parties his Share of said fence as follows - Viz-

The said Paul Pruc Shall build and keep in repair a good and Sufficient Picket fence not less than four feet high. Commencing on the town road leading past said Lands. and the premises Owned by I W Putnam. said fence to be Six rods. five feet in length and a good Substantial Stone Wall fifteen feet in length - The said Pruc agrees to build said fence previous to July 1st 1865 -

And the said Henry Crippen Shall keep in repair the Stone Wall on the other part of said line viz from the Northerly End of said Pruc Wall. to the End of said Pruc line -

Given Under Our Hands at said Grafton this third day of Oct 1864

Elijah B Knowlton
Perley Goddard

A True Copy Received at 9h 5m A M October 4th A D 1864
James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the Eighth day of November next at nine O'Clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen, for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and for a Councillor for the Sixth Councillor District, and for a Senator for the East Worcester Senatorial District, and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester—and for a County Treasurer for the County of Worcester, and for a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester, and for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and for a Representative to represent the Eighth Congressional District in Massachusetts in the Congress of the United States— Also to choose a Representative to represent the Seventeenth District in Worcester County in the General Court of Massachusetts to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next—

The votes for all the above Officers will be received Open and Unfolded on One Ballot, or in sealed Envelopes, on Separate Ballots as best suits the Voter. Each Vote to Specify the Office Voted for—

The Polls will be Opened to recieve the votes for the above Officers at ten Oclock A M—

And You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farmums Ville and

Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting -

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with Your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid -

Given under Our hands this twenty fifth day of October in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty four -

Joseph B Adams
Wm F Slocum
Georg F Slocomb
Geo K Nichols
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. November 8th A D 1864

I have served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town. And at the Post Offices in New England Village Fairbanks Mills and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time for holding said Meeting as therein directed -

S D Hall. Constable of Grafton

A True Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton November 8th A D. 1864

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and town Affairs. met in the Town Hall in said Grafton. and transacted the following busines viz

The meeting was called to Order by Joseph B Adams Chairman of the Selectmen and Prayer Offered by Rev William C Scandlin. The Warrant was then read by the Town Clerk and the Polls Opened at ten Oclock A M to receive the Votes for the Officers named in the same - On Motion of James W White it was Voted "that the Polls be closed at three Oclock this afternoon"

over

At three Oclock P M the Polls were Closed and the Votes given in having been Sorted Counted and Recorded and the Returns of the same made Out Signed and Sealed up and delivered in Open Town Meeting according to law were as follows— viz

(Electors of President & Vice President)

The Whole number of Votes for Electors at Large was four hundred and fifty nine 459

(Union National Ticket Lincoln & Johnson) (350)

Edward Everett of Boston had three hundred and fifty Votes 350

Whiting Griswold of Greenfield had three hundred and fifty Votes 350

(McClellan & Pendleton Ticket 109)

Robert C Winthrop of Boston had One hundred and nine Votes 109

Erasmus D Beach of Springfield had One hundred and nine Votes 109

District No 1

Richard Borden of Fall River had three hundred and fifty Votes— 350

Abraham H Howland of New Bedford had One hundred and nine Votes 109

District No 2.

Artemas Hale of Bridgewater had three hundred and fifty Votes— 350

John Wilson of Cohasset had One hundred and nine Votes— 109

District No 3

George Putnam of Roxbury had three hundred and fifty Votes— 350

Andrew Pierce Jr of Boston had One hundred and nine Votes— 109

District No 4

John M S Williams of Cambridge had three hundred and fifty Votes 350

Abram Jackson of Boston had One hundred and nine Votes 109

District No 5

John G Whittier of Amesbury had three hundred and fifty Votes 350

S.E. Peabody of Salem had One hundred and nine Votes 109

District No 6

George L Davis of North Andover had three hundred and fifty Votes. 350

J H Carleton of Haverhill had One hundred and nine Votes 109

District No 7

Stephen M Weld of West Roxbury had three hundred and fifty Votes. 350

Leverett Saltonstall of Newton had One hundred and nine Votes 109

District No 8

Levi Lincoln of Worcester had three hundred and fifty Votes 350

Isaac Davis of Worcester had One hundred and nine Votes 109

District No 9

William S Clark of Amherst had three hundred and fifty Votes 350

William H Fuller of Whately had One hundred and nine Votes 109

District No 10

John Wells of Chicopee had three hundred and fifty Votes 350

Abram Paige of Springfield had One hundred and nine Votes 109

State Ticket

The whole number of Votes for Governor was four hundred and fifty Six 456

John A Andrew of Boston had three hundred and forty Eight Votes 348

Henry W Paine of Cambridge had One hundred and Eight Votes 108

over

The whole number of votes for Lieutenant Governor
was four hundred and fifty seven 457
Joel Hayden of Williamsburg had three hundred
and forty nine votes 349
Thomas F Plunkett of Pittsfield had. One hundred
and Eight. votes 108
The whole number of votes for Secretary of the
Commonwealth was four hundred & fifty seven 457
Oliver Warner of Northampton had three hundred
and forty nine votes- 349
F O Prince of Winchester had One hundred
And Eight votes- 108
The whole number of votes for Attorney General
was four hundred and fifty seven 457
Chester I Reed of Taunton had three hundred
and forty nine votes- 349
S. C. Lamb of Greenfield had One hundred
and Eight votes 108
The whole number of votes for Treasurer and Reciver
General was four hundred and fifty seven 457
Henry K Oliver of Salem had three hundred
and forty nine votes 349
Nathan Clark of Lynn had One hundred
and Eight votes- 108
The whole number of votes for Auditor was
four hundred and fifty seven 457
Levi Reed of Abington had three hundred
and forty nine votes 349
Moses Bates of Plymouth had One hundred
and Eight votes- 108
The whole number of votes for Councillor for
the Sixth District was four hundred
and fifty Eight 458
Joseph F Hitchcock of Warren had three hundred
and forty Eight votes 348
E A Bates of Hopkinton had One hundred
and ten votes 110

The whole number of Votes for Senator for the East Worcestr District was four hundred and fifty Eight — 458

Milo Hildreth of Northboro. had three hundred and forty nine Votes 349

Gorge B Grassie of Bolton had One hundred and nine Votes — 109

The Whole number of Votes for Representative to Congress from District No. 8 was four hundred and fifty four 454

John D Baldwin of Worcestr had three hundred and forty five Votes — 345

Gorge Hodges of Oxford had One hundred and nine Votes. 109

The Whole number of Votes for County Commissionr for the County of Worcestr. was four hundred and fifty seven 457

J Warren Bigelow of Rutland had three hundred and forty nine Votes 349

Simeon Lamb of Charlton had One hundred and Eight Votes 108

The Whole number of Votes for County Treasurer was four hundred and fifty seven 457

Charles A Chase of Worcestr had three hundred and forty nine Votes 349

James H Wall of Worcestr had One hundred and Eight Votes — 108

The Whole number of Votes for Register of Deeds was four hundred and fifty Seven 457

Alexander H Wilder of Worcestr had three hundred and fifty Votes — 350

Charles Brimblicomb of Barre had One hundred and Seven Votes — 107

The Whole number of Votes for Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts. was four hundred and forty nine 449

Horace S Warren of Grafton had 116 Votes 116

Stephen R White of Grafton had three hundred & thirty three Votes and was Elected 333

and the meeting was dissolved ##### James Worth Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester - Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs. to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the Eighth day of November next. at two Oclock P.M. to act on the following Articles to wit -

Art. 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting -

" 2d To see if the Town will purchase Land. or take any other measures to change the location of the County Road leading from the House of Horace P. Brown through Saunders Village to the fork of the Roads near the House of William Holbrook. Or to have said Road re-located on the Bounds of the same defined and Established or Act thereon -

" 3d To see if the Town will build or cause to be built a Hearse House. or act thereon -

" 4th To see if the Town will dispose of the Old Hearse now located in the Centre of the Town or Act thereon -

" 5th To hear the Report of any Outstanding Committee and Act thereon

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village. Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid -

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Given Under Our Hands this twenty fifth day of October in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty four -

Joseph B Adams
Wm F Slocum
Georg F Slocomb
Geo K Nichols
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss November 8th A D 1864

I have served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village seven days at least before the time of holding Said meeting as therein directed

S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A True Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton November 8th A D 1864

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton at two Oclock P M. and transacted the following business Viz-

1st. By Ballot chose S. D Hall Moderator -

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant, and on Motion it was Voted "That the Matter be left in the hands of the Selectmen, to Settle with Mr Saunders as best they can, Either by paying for the land, or causing a new location of the Road" -

Took up the third article in the Warrant and on motion Voted to raise a committee of three to build a Hearse House -

Voted that the Committee be nominated by the Moderator -

The Moderator nominated Esek Saunders Jonathan D Wheler. and John N Slocomb for the Committee to build a Hearse House and by vote they were chosen said Committee

On Motion Voted that the Committee to build the Hearse House determine the location of the Same

Took up the fourth article in the Warrant. and on Motion it was Voted to refer the matter of disposing of the old Hearse or any part of it or of repairing and painting the Same, to the Committee to build a Hearse House—

Took up the fifth article in the Warrant.
There being no Committee to Report. it was Voted to dissolve this Meeting—

James W White Town Clerk—

This Memorandum of an Agreement made this Eleventh day of April in the Year Eighteen hundred and Sixty four by and between Henry R Keith of Worcester and — Piper of Grafton both in the County of Worcester witnesseth that whereas there is a division fence needed on the line that divides the Wood and Pasture land of Said Keith from the Wood and pasture land of Said Piper all Situated in Said Grafton. Said line running from the corner of John McClellans Land to the corner of S P Champeneys Land and being Eighty & 9/10 rods in length— It is agreed that One fourth of Said fence from the northerly End and One fourth from the Southerly End of Said fence making One half all and making forty 9/10 rods in length Shall be erected and Supported by Said Piper, and the Middle half of Said fence being forty and 9/10 Rods in length Shall be Erected and Supported by Said Keith. and this agreement being recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Said Grafton Shall be perpetually binding upon the Several Owners of Said lots their Heirs and Assigns for Ever—

Witness Our hands and Seals the day and Year first above mentioned—

Executed in presence of } Henry R Keith LS
D T Dudley } James Piper LS

A True Copy Rec March 6th A D 1865 James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. Qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs. to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Sixth day of March next at nine Oclock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to Wit.-

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said meeting-

Art 2d To Choose all necessary town Officers for the Year Ensuing-

Art 3d To hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon-

Art 4th To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer and act thereon-

Art 5 To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and act thereon-

Art 6th To hear the Report of the Collector of Taxes and act thereon-

Art 7th To hear the Report of the Engineers and act thereon-

Art 8 To hear the Report of the General School Committee and act thereon-

Art 9th To hear the Report of the Trustees of River Side Cemetery and act thereon-

Art 10th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery and act thereon-

Art 11th To determine the manner of repairing the High=ways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year

Art 12th To raise Such Sum of money as may be necessary to defray town Charges the Ensuing Year and make appropriations of the Same-

(over)

Art 13 To See what discount the Town will make to those persons who Shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within Such periods of time as the Town Shall direct, and determine when all Taxes Shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon—

Art. 14th To See what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the Ensuing Year and act thereon—

Art 15th To See what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the Year Ensuing and act thereon—

Art 16th To See if the Town will authorize the Prudential Committee in the Several School Districts to Employ the School Teachers in their respective Districts or act thereon—

Art 17th To See if Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box or act thereon—

Art 18th To determine the place within the town where the High School Shall be kept the Ensuing Year—

Art 19th To See if the town will cause one of the Church Bells in the centre of the town to be rung at 12 Oclock M and at 9 Oclock P.M. or act thereon—

Art 20th To See if the Town will Sell or cause to be Sold a certain lot of Wood and Sprout land belonging to Said town, containing about twenty two acres, and adjoining the land of Thomas Reardon or act thereon as petitioned for by Thomas Reardon and Others

Art 21st To hear the Report of any Outstanding Committee and act thereon—

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting
up an attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the
center of Said Town, and at the Post Offices in
New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders
Village, Seven days at least before the time of holding
Said Meeting—

Hereof fail not and make due return of
this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk
at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid—

Given Under Our hands this twenty third
day of February in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand
Eight hundred and Sixty five—

Jos B Adams
Jasper S Nelson
Wm F Slocum
Geo F Slocomb
Geo. K Nichols
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss March 6th 1865

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by
Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office
in the centre of Said Town, and at the Post Offices
in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders-
Village Seven days at least before the time of holding
Said Meeting as therein directed—

S D Hall, Constable of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton March 6th A D 1865

At a Legal Muting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Elections and town affairs held in the town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the Sixth day of March A D 1865 pursuant to the forgoing Warrant. the following proceedings were had - viz

1st The muting was called to Order by James W White Town Clerk. the warrant read. and by Ballot. S D Hall was chosen Moderator to preside in Said Muting the Voting. or check List being used in his Election - Prayer By Rev M Robbins -

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Art 2 On Motion Voted that the Votes for Town Clerk five Selectmen. three Overseers of the Poor - three Assessors. One General School committee. Town Treasurer - One Trustee for Riverside Cemetery two Trustees for Pine Grove Cemetery and five Constables. be brought in On One Ballot -

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The Votes having all been given in. Sorted and counted. were for the following Offices as follows

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The whole number of Votes for Town Clerk was One hundred and thirty five - 135

James W White had One hundred and thirty five Votes. and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by S D Hall. Moderator of the Muting -

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The whole number of Votes for Select men was One hundred and thirty five 135

William F Slocum had One hundred and ninetan Votes - George F Slocomb had One hundred and thirty five Votes - George E Nichols had One hundred and thirty three Votes - Silas E Stow had One hundred and thirty two Votes - Simon A Knowles had One hundred and thirty three Votes - C W Stratton had One Vote - and

William F Slocum
George F Slocomb.
George K Nichols
Silas E Stow.
Simon A Knowles

were Elected Selectmen for the Year Ensuing— and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office by S D Hall Moderator—

The Whole number of Votes for Overseers of the Poor was One hundred and thirty five— 135
S. R White had One hundred and twenty nine Votes— E P Dennis had One hundred and thirty five Votes— S. P. Champney had One hundred and thirty three Votes— S. E. Stow had One Vote. 8

S R White
E P Dennis
S P Champney
} Sworn March 27th 1865 by James W White Town Clerk
Sworn March 6th 1865 by S D Hall Moderator in Town Meeting
Sworn March 25th 1865 by James W White Town Clerk

were Elected Overseers of the Poor for the Year Ensuing—

The Whole number of Votes for Assessors was One hundred and thirty five— 135
Gilbert C Taft had One hundred and thirty five Votes.— S D Hall had One hundred and thirty One Votes— William T Barker had One hundred and thirty five Votes— J H Wood had four Votes— and

Gilbert C Taft
S D Hall
} Sworn March 27th 1865 By James W White Town Clerk
Sworn March 6th 1865 by James W White Town Clerk
William T Barker Sworn April 3 1865 by James W White Town Clerk

were Elected Assessors for the Year Ensuing—

The Whole number of Votes for General School Committee was One hundred and thirty One. 131
William Miller had One Vote.
Jesse H Smith had One hundred and thirty Votes— and was Elected— [illegible]

The whole number of Votes for Treasurer was one hundred and thirty four — 134
George F Slocomb had One hundred and thirty four votes. and was Elected Treasurer for the Year Ensuing he was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office March 17th 1865 by James M White Town Clerk —

The whole number of Votes for Trustee of Riverside Cemetery was One hundred and thirty five. 135
Rufus E Warren had One hundred and thirty five votes and was Elected — accepted

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The whole number of Votes for Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery was One hundred and thirty five 135
Jonas H Allen had One hundred and thirty five votes. — L H Bigelow had One hundred and thirty three votes — L H Brigham had two votes — Jonas H Allen and L H Bigelow were Elected —

The whole number of Votes for Constables was One hundred and thirty three 133
S D Hall had One hundred and thirty two votes
H C Greenwood had One hundred and thirty votes.
S R White had One hundred and thirty three votes
S A Knowles had One hundred and thirty three votes
Henry H Merriam had One hundred and thirty two votes.
S D Hall Sworn March 6th 1865 by James M White Town Clerk —
H C Greenwood
S R White Sworn March 6th 1865 by S D Hall Moderator in town meeting
S A Knowles " " " " " " " "
Henry H Merriam Sworn. April 5th 1865 by James M White Town Clerk
were Elected Constables for the Year Ensuing

At fifteen minutes past twelve Oclock M— on motion Voted to adjourn this meeting for half an hour — and the meeting was adjourned —

Grafton March 6th 1865

At fifteen minuets before One Oclock P.M. met according to adjournment, and transacted the following business viz — On Motion Voted to choose by nomination at large three field drivers for the year Ensuing — Then by nomination chose

Perley Goddard. Sworn in town Meeting by J D Hall Moderator

Elden Holt.

H H Merriam. Sworn April 7. 1865. by James W White Town Clerk

Field drivers for the Year Ensuing

On Motion Voted to choose three fence viewers for the Year Ensuing — and by nomination chose

John E Sinclair

J Augustus Goddard Sworn March 29th 1865 by James W White Town Clk

Jefferson Bellows.

Fence viewers for the Year Ensuing —

On Motion Voted to choose two Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing — and by nomination chose

Calvin Clisbee

Reuben Taft.

Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing

On motion Voted to Authorize the Selectmen to appoint Measurers of wood and Bark. Sealers of weights and measures — and all other necessary town Officers which may by Law be appointed —

Took up the third article in the warrant.

The Selectmen having caused their Report to be printed, and after correcting one or two Errors in the printed Report it was accepted as follows —

(over)

Report of the Selectmen

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the close of their Official duties for the Year ending March 6th 1865 Submit the following Report of the condition of the town —

They have Settled with George F Slocomb Treasurer of Said Town, and find his Account Correct and as follows —

1864		Dr	
March 9	Cash received of H S Warren		573 43
April 5	" Borrowed of Joseph B Adams		800 00
" "	" " of Wor Co Inst for Savings		3200 00
" 11	" received of Geo F Slocomb for Auctioneers Licens		200
" 18	" Interest on 5-20 Bond		30 00
" "	" Premium on Gold		21 30
May 4	" Borrowed of Mechanics Savings Bank		1000 00
June 2	" received for Old Safe		100 00
" 21	" Borrowed of Josiah Nelson		1500 00
" 23	" " of Mechanics Savings Bank		5500 00
July 15	" received of State Treasurer - School Fund		174 11
" 18	" " of Town of Hopkinton		74 87
Aug 11	" " of E B Bigelow Collector for 1864		400 00
" 16	" Borrowed of Grafton Bank		4000 00
" "	" " of Joseph Adams		1000 00
" 20	" received of E B Bigelow Collector		400 00
" 24	" " " " " "		300 00
Sept 2	" " " " " "		500 00
" 6	" " " " " "		100 00
" 10	" " " " " "		200 00
Oct 1	" " " " " "		400 00
" 8	" " " " " "		300 00
" 10	" " " " " "		200 00
" 17	" " " " " "		500 00
" 19	" " of State Treasurer - receiving		428 44
" 25	" " E. B Bigelow Collector		500 00
" 29	" " " " "		4000 00
" "	" " Interest on 5—20 Bond		30 00
" "	" " Premium on Gold		34 80

Oct 31	Cash Received of E B Bigelow Collector for 1864		1700 00
Nov 1	" " " " " "		6000 00
" 2	" " " " " "		300 00
" 11	" " " " " "		3200 00
" 22	" " " " " "		300 00
Dec 3	" " " " "		250 00
" 6	" " of S R White Adm't of Estate of Mary A Corpus		13 21
" 13	" " of E B Bigelow — Collector		530,00
" 14	" " of State Treasurer. State Aid		6700 00
" 23	" " of E B Bigelow Collector		3000 00
" 31	" " of State Treasurer. Balance of State Aid for 1862		112 29
1865 Jan 3	" " of Jonathan Warren Towards Suttees —		100 00
" " "	" " of E B Bigelow Collector		3000 00
" 13	" " " " "		300 00
" 23	" " " " "		300 00
Feb 1	" " of State Treasurer Corporation Tax		1338 84
" " "	" " of School Districts No. 1 — 4 — 5 & 9 for assessing Taxes		30 60
" 2	" " of E B Bigelow Collector		150 00
" 25	" " " " " "		446 34
" " "	" " " " " Interest on Taxes paid since Nov 1		17 50
" " "	" " E B Bigelow Collector for 1864		122 02
" " "	" " of S Dinsmore Collector for 1863		160 82
" " "	" " of R E Warren " " 1861		5 25
" " "	" " of James W White " " 1860		1 50
" " "	" " of James W White for Old Uniforms Sold		60 32
" " "	" " of James W White for use of Town Hall		101 00
" " "	" " of Frederick Waterman for Old Plank		2 00
	" " of S Harrington Liquor Agent		262 78
			32623 12

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Paid H C Greenwood .	School District No 1	827	41
" Orlando Whitney	" " 2	171	86
" Daniel Lincoln	" " 3	188	85
" Julius A Clisbee	" " 4	187	82
" George G Carpenter	" " 5	187	19
" Alfred Morse	" " 6	381	37
" Daniel Whitney 2d	" " 7	189	19
" Rodney Leland	" " 8	173	52
" J J Goodrich	" " 9	599	56
" A J Morse	" " 10	192	19
" E B Knowlton	" " 11	192	85
" [illegible]		3291	81
" H L Read Teacher of High School		700	00
" Ellen L Bisco Assistant do		139	00
" W. S. Slocum. Care of School room		48	34
" Rent of Building to Jany 1st 1865		180	00
" Fuel for High School		61	81
		1129	15
" William Miller Services as Genral School Committee		78	00
" Gilbert Robbins for Sand		51	00
" T. C. Bisco " "		60	00
		189	00
" George K Nichols for repairing Bridge		27	09
" Geo F Slocomb. Chief Engineer for Fire department		900	00
" State Lunatic Hospital-Worcester for Support of Susan L Wheelock		163	59
" State Reform School for Edward Smith		114	57
" Gilbert C Taft. Services as Assessor for 1864		106	50
" S D Hall " "		77	12
" C M Pratt " " 1863		33	00
" Books & Stationary for Assessors 1864		10	36
" Printing Warrants. Reports &c.		112	56
	226.98		
" James W. White for copying Records, Recording Marriages, Births, Deaths. & Extra writing		218	18
" James W White for paying State Aid		60	00
" N Walter Batchelder for drilling Company		5	00
" State Aid to Soldiers families		9170	00

Paid Town Bounties to Soldiers		10825	00
" Recruiting Expenses		1038	24
" Martin R Howe for Opening & Cleaning Meting House for War Meetings		5	00
" Board and Funeral Expenses of John Howeth		103	70
" Expenses of returning bodies of Soldiers		247	50
" Refunded to Subscribers to Volunteer Fund		1284	00
" Selectmens Services for 1863-4		182	00
" James Carney for care of Town Hall		50	00
" James W White for Fuel & Light for Hall & Office		88	79
" Rent of Basement of West Church		62	50
" Lewis Daniels for ringing Bell & Care of Basement		30	40
" Jonas H Chickering for ringing Bell		17	50
" Posting Warrants & Notifying Town Officers		29	50
" N. G. Whitney for Services as Sexton	122,23		
" Charles Daniels " " "	114,40		
" Josiah Hall " " "	19,60	256	23
" A Tolman & Co. for Hearse		450	00
" Expenses on Old burying ground		24	70
" For Vaccinations		71	00
" Repairs on Highways		1139	00
" S. N. Keith for Surveying roads		5	00
" Building new road in part		50	00
" Overseers of the Poor		616	56
" Sundries		21	25
" Interest on Town Bonds		1100	00
" Jon^{a} Warren for rent of Hall and Office		500	00
" Cash deposited with State Treasurer for Recruits		1375	00
" Interest to Worcester Co. Institution for Savings		80	21
" Note to Grafton Bank		4000	00
" Interest on Same		50	00
" Assessors Orders of Abatement		211	57
" County Tax		2118	22
" Note to Mechanics Savings Bank		4000	00
" Interest on two notes to Savings Bank		222	06
" State Tax		5208	00
" Note to Josiah Nelson		1500	00
" Interest On Same		52	37

Paid for Revenue Stamps &c.	6	90
" " Collecting Taxes.	248	81
Total Amount Paid	52761	74
Total Amount Recvd	52.623	42
Amt due Treasury	138	32

Resources of the Town

Uncollected Taxes for	1861	587	10
" " "	1862	128	79
" " "	1863	420	57
" " "	1864	727	06
U S. 5—20 Bond		1000	00
Town Farm and buildings		6000	00
Personal Property on Farm		3092	37
Three fire Engines and fixtures		3417	00
Three Engine Houses. Hook & Ladder House and Land		2350	00
Hook & Ladder Carriage & Apparatus		425	00
Furniture and fixtures in Hall & Office		475	00
Due from the State on Acct of State Paupers-		47	50
Amt. of Aid to Jany 1st 1865 due from State		8593	14
Amt in Hands of Engineers		2	85
Cash in Hands of C A Pierce. Book Agent		46	13
Books " " " " "		56	55
Amt due from State for Aid in 1863		345	06
Amt in State Treasury for recruits		875	00
State Aid in Jany & Feb 1865		1600	00
		30,189	14

Liabilities of the Town

Town Bonds	22,000	00
Interest on Same	201	67
Note to Joseph B Adams	800	00
Interest On Same	36	78
Note to Wor. Co Institution for Savings	3200	00
Int on Same	80	00
Note to Mechanics Savings Bank	5500	00
Int on Same	105	41
Note to Joseph Adams	1000	00
Interest on the Same	33	33

Amount due the Treasurer	138.32
Total Liabilities	33.095.51
Total Resources	30.189.14
Amt of Liabilities over resources	2.906.37

At the following named places Guide Boards are Erected and maintained within the Town viz-
At the corner near Warren Block - near J D Rhodes - near S H. Allens - near William Wallaces - near S H Allens Barn - northerly of the residence of F Watterman - near the Indian Burying Ground - near Fairfieldville School House - near the Store of A Morse - near Jefferson Billows near Fairfieldville Depot. - near the House of the late Nelson Perry - near William Holbrooks - near H Eddys near Saunders Store - near J McClellans - near the house known as the Bush Tavern - near Charles Daniels At Each of the corners northerly of the Old burying ground near Quinsigamond House N E Village near H B Fairbanks - near Dexter Hathaways near the House on Town Farm - near Meeting House N E Village near J W Putnams - northerly of the house of C M Vinson - near Waterville School House. near Josph Kimballs - at two places between the last named places. near Widow H J Pratts. near Calvin Clisbees - On the Barn of B W Fay - near L S Lelands westerly of Geo. Dunns near John O Keefs near Joseph Bruces. near Capt Benjamin Aldrichs -

Military

The account of Major Clark between the United States War department and the Town is as follows -

(over)

Turned over two leaves by mistake

Grafton Dr

1864 July 1st	To quotas	82
" July 18	" "	45
		127

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1864 July 1	By Credits to June 20th	84
" Sept 1	By Volunteers in Army	53
" "	By Regular Army	1
" "	By Veteran reserve Corps	2
" "	By Substitutes for Enrolled men	2
" "	By Navy	22
Sept 30	By Regular Army in Sept	6
Oct 31	By distribution of Colored troops in Oct	2
" "	By Draft in 1863	1
Dec 31	By distribution of colored troops in Dec	1
		174

In addition to the Quotas charged to the town as above it has had its quota under the call of the President of December 19 1864 for 300 000 "more men" the precise number of the towns Quota under this call has not been given us. By the Order of the Provost Marshal however. the town was required to furnish Eight Years Service, or two and two-thirds three Years men in addition to all previous credits. To answer which the town has furnished two. three Years men in February 1865. and has received credit for One on the distribution of Colored troops in January 1865—

Statement of the amount of Aid rendered to the families of Massachusetts Volunteers Enlisted as belonging to the town of Grafton with the amount to be reimbursed by the State, and the amount Overpaid from March 1st 1864. to March 1st 1865—

Name of Volunteer	Whole Amt Paid	Amt to be Reimbursed	Amt Company paid
James I Gee	68 00	68 00	
Joseph Bonner	144 00	144 00	
James C Kelly	32 00	32 00	
Charles H Oaks	22 00	22 00	
Charles A Johnson	18 28	18 28	
Curtis Cady	52 00	52 00	
James Howarth	144 00	144 00	
John Young	31 00	31 00	
Charles E Howe	136 64	104 00	32 64
Dexter B Hathaway	34 00	34 00	
James D Whitney	104 00	104 00	
Augustus Remick	43 00	43 00	
Thomas D Allen	16 00	16 00	
R A Leland	104 00	104 00	
Luther W Whitney	144 00	144 00	
James White	104 00	104 00	
Edward S Johnson	9 00	9 00	
Joshua K Parmenter	96 00	96 00	
Augustus E Davis	52 00	52 00	
Calvin A Wesson	34 00	34 00	
Joseph Simm	17 00	17 00	
Hugh Jameson	104 00	104 00	
George R Brown	79 40	79 40	
John G Thornton	22 00	22 00	
Richard Johnson	104 00	104 00	
Bradford E Aldrich	25 00	25 00	
Leroy S Currier	44 00	44 00	
Alpheus Remick	85 00	85 00	
Alfred A Howe	104 00	104 00	
George A Mackey	104 00	104 00	
Loren S Clark	190 84	144 00	46 84
Joseph Bardsley	12 00	12 00	
William A Clapp	4 00	4 00	
John F Mitchell	48 00	48 00	
George E Burns	24 00	24 00	
Henry A Frizzell	104 00	104 00	
Patrick Kelly	104 00	104 00	

Name of Volunteer	Whole Amt Pd		Amt Remb.		Over Paid	
Thomas C Bryant	113	96	104	00	9	96
Orrin T Stacy	104	00	104	00		
Franklin Whitney	104	00	104	00		
John Keyes	132	00	132	00		
Abel H Balcom	144	00	144	00		
Timothy Sullivan	52	00	52	00		
Silas W Smith	144	00	144	00		
John R Smith	84	00	84	00		
Caleb W Whiles	52	00	52	00		
Joseph Burton	104	00	104	00		
George H French	78	00	78	00		
Henry Lathe Jr	68	00	68	00		
Edward S Chamberlin	55	42	55	42		
Louke ? Pratt	55	42	55	42		
James Gleason	78	00	78	00		
George C N Webster	27	71	27	71		
John H Drury	55	42	55	42		
William H Hammond	27	71	27	71		
Donald A Campbell	104	00	104	00		
Edward Bonner	144	00	144	00		
James Wesson	70	00	70	00		
Benj F Barney	36	00	36	00		
Martin C Powers	104	00	104	00		
Charles Putnam	52	00	52	00		
Edwin A Howe	104	00	104	00		
John C McCallan	104	00	104	00		
Thomas H Brown	104	00	104	00		
Henry K Cady	130	00	130	00		
Henry A Peckham	144	00	144	00		
Martin F Hildreth	52	00	52	00		
Edward Tirrell	144	00	144	00		
Joel F Cobb	138	80	138	80		
Marcus M Byron	144	00	144	00		
Marcus R Bruce	55	42	55	42		
Charles Claflin	104	00	104	00		
William H Putnam 2	55	42	55	42		
James W Magrath	78	00	78	00		

Name of Volunteer	Whole Amt Due	Amt Reimbd	Overpaid
Thomas O Lucas	104 00	104 00	
Stephen N Longa Jr	104 00	104 00	
Benjamin W Knight	52 00	52 00	
Augustus J Leland	144 00	144 00	
William S Fullerton	144 00	144 00	
James Minehan	52 00	52 00	
Moses Rivod	104 00	104 00	
Joseph C Webb	104 00	104 00	
Geo W Walcott	70 00	70 00	
Joseph Wilson	17 00	17 00	
John Roberson	48 00	48 00	
Stephen Roberson	34 00	34 00	
John La Flamme	34 00	34 00	
Ora S Gibbs	144 00	144 00	
John Keating	60 00	60 00	
Michael Hennessy	60 00	60 00	
Charles Myott	120 00	120 00	
Archibald B Hudson	104 00	104 00	
Charles E Kimball	114 80	114 80	
John W Cryan	86 00	86 00	
Simon M Plaisted	27 71	27 71	
Daniel Callahan	82 40	82 40	
John Brophy	55 42	55 42	
Azor B Wood	27 71	27 71	
Ira J Riggs	78 00	78 00	
Henry Mann	78 00	78 00	
Marcus D Balcom	55 42	55 42	
Manson E Burns	78 00	78 00	
Darwin N Kelsey	55 42	55 42	
Jonas H Chickering	78 00	78 00	
Charles W Melvey	68 00	68 00	
William S Wood	78 00	78 00	
John E Prentice	27 71	27 71	
Everett Davis	96 56	96 56	
James B Stratton	55 42	55 42	
Job D Ballou	27 71	27 71	
James Mellon	78 00		

Name of Volunteer	Whole Amt Paid		Amt Refunded		Over Paid
George A Bartlett	27	71	27	71	
William H Gilson	47	43	47	43	
Nathaniel P Kimick	78	00	78	00	
Jonathan E Nichols	78	00	78	00	
Charles A White	55	42	55	42	
Simon T Pierce	55	42	55	42	
Ambrose Boynton	55	42	55	42	
Watts E Davis	59	15	59	15	
Thomas Young	27	71	27	71	
John Doran	8	00	8	00	
Total	9169	98	9080	54	89 44

Report of Samuel Harrington Liquor Agent

1864 March 1st By Cash on hand $36.12

And of Liquors & Casks Sold
from March 1st to May 1st 1864 226 66

$262.78

1865 Feb 27th To Cash Paid Town $262.78

Samuel Harrington Agent

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted —

Joseph B Adams
Jasper S Nelson
William F Slocum
George F Slocomb
George K Nichols
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton March 6th 1865
A True Copy as corrected
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Took up the 4th Article in the Warrant — The Treasurers Report having been printed was accepted as printed and is as follows —

Treasurers Report

Town of Grafton in Account with George F Slocomb Treasurer—

Cr.

1864				
March	9	By Cash Received of H S Warren		573 43
April	5	" " Borrowed of Joseph B Adams		800 00
"	6	" " Borrowed of Wor. Co Inst for Savings		3200 00
"	11	" " Received of George F Slocomb Auctioneers Licence		2 00
"	18	" " Received Interest On 5-20 Bond		30 00
"	"	" " " Premium on Gold		21 30
May	4	" " Borrowed of Mechs Savings Bank		4000 00
June	2	" " Received for Old Safe		100 00
"	21	" " Borrowed of Josiah Nelson		1500 00
"	23	" " Borrowed of Mechanics Savings Bank		5300 00
July	15	" " Rec'd of State Treasurer, School Fund		174 11
"	18	" " Rec'd of Town of Hopkinton		74 87
August	14	" " Rec'd of E B Bigelow Collector for 1864		400 00
"	16	" " Borrowed of Grafton Bank		4000 00
"	"	" " Borrowed of Joseph Adams		1000 00
"	20	" " Rec'd of E B Bigelow Collector for 1864		400 00
"	24	" " " " " "		300 00
Sept	2	" " " " " "		500 00
"	6	" " " " " "		1000 00
"	10	" " " " " "		2000 00
Oct	1	" " " " " "		4000 00
"	8	" " " " " "		3000 00
"	10	" " " " " "		2000 00
"	17	" " " " " "		500 00
"	18	" " Rec'd of State Treasurer for Recruiting		128 44
"	25	" " " of E B Bigelow Collector 1864		5000 00
"	29	" " " " " "		4000 00
"	"	" " Interest on 5-20 Bond		300 00
"	"	" " Premium on Gold		34 80
"	31	" " Rec'd of E B Bigelow Collector 1864		1700 00
Nov	1	" " " " " "		6000 00
"	2	" " " " " "		500 00
"	11	" " " " " "		3200 00
"	22	" " " " " "		300 00
Dec	3	" " " " " "		2500 00

1864 Dec	6	By Cash Rec'd of Stephen R White Administrator of the Estate of Mary A Cooper		43	21
"	13	" Rec'd of E B Bigelow Collector	1864	550	00
"	14	" Rec'd of State Treasurer - State Aid		6700	00
"	23	" " of E B Bigelow Collector	1864	300	00
"	31	" " of State Treasurer bal State Aid	'62	112	29
1865 Jan	3	" " of Jon[a] Warren towards Settlem		100	00
"	"	" " " E B Bigelow Collector	1864	300	00
"	13	" " " " " " "	"	300	00
"	23	" " " " " " "	"	300	00
Feb	1	" " of State Treasurer Corporation Tax		1338	84
"	"	" " of School Districts No 1-4-5 & 9 for Ass'd Taxes		30	60
"	2	" " of E B Bigelow - Collector	1864	150	00
"	25	" " " " " "		446	34
"	"	" " " " Interest on Taxes paid since Nov		17	50
"	27	" " " " " Collector for	1864	122	02
"	"	" " " J Dinsmore " "	1863	160	82
"	"	" " " R E Warren " "	1861	5	25
"	"	" " " James W White " "	1860	1	50
"	"	" " " James W White for Old Uniforms		60	32
"	"	" " " James W White for use of Town Hall		[illegible]	00
"	"	" " " Frederick Waterman for Old plank		2	00
"	"	" " " Sam[l] Harrington Liquor Agent		262	78
		Total Receipts		52,623	42

1864

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June	21	To Cash Paid 6 Mos Interest on Town Bonds	530	00
July	8	" " Paid 6 Mos Rent to Jon[a] Warren	250	00
"	18	" " Deposited with State Treasurer for Recruits	1375	00
Oct	27	" " Paid Wor. Co. Inst for Savings - Int	80	21
Nov	1	" " Note to Grafton Bank	4000	00
"	"	" " " Interest on Same	50	00
"	2	" " " Assessors Orders - Abatement	211	57
"	3	" " " One half of County Tax	1059	11
"	"	" " " Note to Mechanics Savings Bank	4000	00
"	"	" " " Interest on two Notes " "	222	06
Dec	14	" " " State Tax	5208	00
"	30	" " " One half County Tax	1059	11

1864 Dec	30	To Cash Paid 6 Mos Interest on Town Bonds	330	00
1865 Jan	7	" " " 6 Mos Rent to Jon^a Warren	250	00
Feb	2	" " " Note to Josiah Nelson	1500	00
"	"	" " " Interest on Same	52	37
"	"	" " " Revenue Stamps &c.	6	90
"	28	" " " Selectmens Orders-	32337	47
		Total Amount Paid	52,761	74
		Total Amount Received	52.623	12
"		Amount due Treasurer	138.	32

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

George F Slocomb Treasurer

Grafton March 6^t 1865-

A True Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Attest

Took up the 6^t Article in the Warrant

The Report of the Collector of Taxes having been prepared and printed was accept as printed with the addition of One named and One Poll Tax as follows

Collectors Report

The Amount of Taxes committed by the Assessors of the Town of Grafton to Edward B Bigelow, Collector for 1864. is as follows-

1864 July 1^t	Town Grant	$12000.00
	Amount Assessed for Bounties	3539.00
	State Tax for 1864	5208.00
	County Order "	2118.22
	Overlayings	12.41
	Highway deficiency for 1863	5.79
	1 Poll Tax assessed after Bill committed	2.00
	Total Tax	$22,945.42

over

	1864		
Aug	13	To Cash Paid Treasurer	400 00
"	20	" " " "	400 00
"	24	" " " "	300 00
Sept	2	" " " "	500 00
"	6	" " " "	100 00
"	10	" " " "	2000
Oct	1	" " " "	4000
"	8	" " " "	300 00
"	10	" " " "	200 00
"	17	" " " "	5000
"	25	" " " "	500 00
"	29	" " " "	4000 00
"	31	" " " "	1700 00
Nov	1	" " " "	6000 00
"	2	" " " "	500 00
"	11	" " " "	3200 00
"	22	" " " "	300 00
Dec	3	" " " "	250 00
"	12	" " " "	550 00
"	23	" " " "	300 00
1865 Jan	3	" " " "	300 00
"	13	" " " "	300 00
"	23	" " " "	300 00
Feb	2	" " " "	150 00
"	25	" " " "	568 36
		Whole Amount Collected and paid in	22218.36
		Interest on Taxes paid since Nov 1st	1750
		Leaving an amount of Taxes uncollected against the following persons. for the amount set against their respective names—	727.06

up

Thomas Aldrich	2	00	Sylphan Deone	2	00
Raynolds Arnold	2	00	Ashur Elliott	2	00
Casimer Balcom	2	00	Henry Emory	2	00
Martin O Brien	2	00	Henry Foote	2	00
Dexter D Ball	4	00	Robert Fanning	2	00
Richard Barron	2	00	Robert Ferry	2	00
Edward A Baker	2	00	Alvah Foote	2	00
Leonard Buxton	2	00	William S Fullerton	2	00
A H Balcom	2	00	Andrew Flynn	2	00
Willard D Balcom	2	00	Russel J Fessenden	2	00
James Boyd	3	22	Ralph T Finney	2	00
Hazlet Boyd	2	00	Alton W Fairbanks	2	00
Peter Bostick	2	00	Andrew Gauthier	2	00
A E. Burns	2	00	Joel Glover	2	00
Samuel Barrett	2	00	Levi Greenwood	2	00
Henry K Cady	2	00	Thomas B Gale	2	00
Roland Cobb	2	00	Ora S Gibbs	2	00
William J Carrick	2	00	George E Gifford	2	00
Leroy S Currier	2	00	Noah L Goodrich	2	00
Charles Claflin	2	00	William S Gates	2	00
Michael Connors	2	00	Patrick Harrington	2	00
Marcus M Cooper	2	00	Jonas Harrington	2	00
Ward Chase	2	00	H J Harrington	2	00
Curtis A Cady	2	00	Walter Harrington	23	57
Daniel A Campbell	2	00	Kendrick Hunt	2	00
John S Clark	2	00	Shubael P Howes	9	75
Preston A Champney	2	00	Robinson Hopworth	2	00
Samuel G Champney	2	00	Patrick Horan	2	00
Lorin S Clark	2	00	William H Harris	2	00
Michael Cory	2	00	Nelson Hill	2	00
Joseph D Dispeau	2	00	James Howarth	2	50
John Dolan	2	00	Charles K Howard	2	00
Alvin Dumont	2	00	Phillip Hill	2	00
Peter Dusor	2	00	Dennis Herlihy	2	00
Felix Dorathy	2	00	James A Hanley	2	00
Simon Durache	2	00	Wm Hand Estate of	4	30
Stillman S Drury	2	00	Thomas Ivory	2	00
Charles Dumas	2	00	John Jennings	4	87
Albert Dupraz	2	00	James Johnson	2	00

Corrd. Assessors Report

~~Thomas Aldrich~~	~~2~~	~~00~~
~~Raynolds Arnold~~	~~2~~	~~00~~
~~Casimer Balcom~~	~~2~~	~~00~~
~~Martin O Brien~~	~~2~~	~~00~~
~~Dexter D Ball~~	~~4~~	~~00~~
~~Richard Barron~~	~~2~~	~~00~~
~~Edward A Baker~~	~~2~~	~~00~~
~~Leonard Boxton~~	~~2~~	~~00~~
Herbert Jondrian	2	00
Alonzo Johnson	2	00
Amasa Jourdan	2	00
John Kelly	2	01
Patrick Kerns	2	00
Olney T Lucas	2	00
Henry Lindsley	2	00
Frank Lake	2	00
Augustus R Leland	2	00
Augustus J Leland	2	00
Frank Laughlin	2	00
Smith J Lee	2	00
Dwight L Moore	2	00
John Mowry	2	00
John E Maxwell	2	50
Henry L Mitchell	2	00
Solomon Moore	2	00
Augustus Mason	2	00
John C Mack	2	00
Robert McFarland	2	00
Dennis Minehan	2	00
James Minehan	2	00
Peter Morrison	2	00
Jerry McHenry	2	14
Warren K Morse	2	00
C W Mitchell	2	00
George A Monroe	2	00
Geo M Newton	2	00
John Needs	2	00
Charles T Norcop	6	00
Albert S Newton	2	00
Peter Oser.	2	00
James N Pratt	2	00
Geo B Pratt	2	00
Charles T Pratt	2	00
John Pogue 2d	2	00
F B Pratt	2	00
John A Prentice	2	00
Charles F Pierce	2	00
Henry A Peckham	2	00
Levi Pitcher	2	00
Rev B F Pritchard	2	00
H C Pettis	2	00
Henry Prentice	2	00
Henry Phillips	2	00
John Paddock	2	00
Daniel Peters	2	00
William H Putnam	2	00
Richard K Pratt	2	00
Anthony Robuds	2	00
Barney Rafferty	2	00
Ephriam Roods	2	00
Joshua Robinson	1	14
Andrew Rivers	2	00
Patrick Rourke	2	00
Anthony Richards	2	00
Charles D Rand	2	00
Joseph Renshaw	2	00
Raymond Raymond	2	00
Henry Rice	2	00
Henry Scott	2	00
Dennis Slyne	2	00
Richard E Smith	2	00
Paschal Summerbee	2	00
Peter Snow 2d	2	00
John Sheehan	2	00
William Shirry	2	00
John Shirley	2	00
John A Sherman	2	00
Felix Summerbee	2	00

Henry H Smith		2 00	James D Whitney		2 00
Peter Shonshay		2 00	John Keating		2 00
Daniel Sumner		2 00	Abram W Kempton		2 00
Edwin Searles		2 00	John S Kempton		2 00
Rice Shoddy		2 00	Ivory P Knight		2 00
Charles Snow	2	2 00	William A Knapp		2 00
George Smith		2 00	Horace Knowles		2 00
Thomas Smith		2 00	Michael Kelly		2 00
Alex Sunnysack		2 00	Mrs Sally Lesure	24	01
William Scarlett		2 00	Zebina C Lincoln	3	00
William Skakel		2 00	Clary J Legate	23	15
Emory A Taft		2 00	James Lord	2	00
Peter Tukey		2 00	Fabrey Larbee	2	00
Edwin Thacher		2 00	Felix Lovely	2	00
Edward Tirrell		2 00	Augustus Legassy	2	00
James F Thorndike		10 82	Non Residents		
C M Vinson		8 83	Mrs Edward Barry		72
Merick D White		2 00	Patrick Carr	1	44
Daniel Wheelock		10 46	Joseph Connelly	12	91
Luther W Whitney		2 00	Levi Richardson	8	60
George T Whitney		2 00	John Smith	6	81
Hale Wesson		2 00	Edwin Starns	5	02
				$ 721	06

All of Which is respectfully Submitted

E B Bigelow Collector

Grafton March 6th 1865

A True Copy

~~Attest~~

James W White Town Clerk

Took up the 7th Article in the Warrant—

The Chief Engineers Report having been printed was accepted as printed and as follows—

see Over

Chief Engineers Report.

Town of Grafton in account with George F Slocomb Chief Engineer for Expenditures for the Fire department for year Ending March 6th 1865

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By Cash on hand as last Report	$5,04
" " Rec'd on Selectmens Orders	910.00
	$915,04

Dr

Rescue Engine Co No. 1-

Paid for Services of 47 men for year Ending May 1st 1864	206.23
" " care of Engine & Apparatus one year	10 00
" " Grafton & Knights Bill	8,35
B Newton & Sons Bill	11,32
Martin R Howe	3,23
M G & Quimby	3 00
O C Holden	1,25
J W Leland	40
	$244,80

Empire Engine Co No 2

Paid for Services of 60 men for year Ending May 1st 1864	$185,66
" " Care of Engine and Apparatus one year	10,00
" " Geo H Mansfields Bill	8,06
" " Grafton & Knights Bill	3,25
Harrington & Nichols Bill	144
	$209,11

Blackstone Engine Co No 3

Paid for Services of 46 men for year Ending May 1st 1864	$166,25
Care of Engine and Apparatus one year	10 00
E Burts Bill	33,43
S R Whites Bill	92 97
	$322,65

Hook and Ladder Co

Paid for Services of 23 men for Year Ending May 1st 1864		$113.33
" " Care of Carriage and Apparatus one	"	5.00
" " J G Dwyers Bill		1.75
" " B Newton & Sons. Bill		55
		$120 63
Paid John Firths Bill		11 00
" S.A. Forbushs Bill	1863	350
Watchmen		150
		1600

Amt of Cash Recieved	$913.04
Amt of Cash Paid Out.	912.19
Balance on hand	$2.85

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted

George F Slocomb Chief Engineer

Boston March 6th 1865

A True Copy

Attest

James W White. Town Clerk

Report of C A Pierce – Book Agent

1864 Feb 16th	By Cash on hand.	12,10
	" Books.	43,03
	" Amount Sold	169,00
		$284,13

Paid for Books	221,10	
" Agnts Percent	16,90	
	238,00 – 23800	
Balance		$46,13

1865 Feb 16th	By Cash on hand	46.13
	Books	56,55
		102,68

Amt Feb 16 1864	11513
Amt " 16 1865	10268
	1245

There has been a loss to the Town of 1245 being the amount of books given to Children unable to pay

C A Pierce

And 5th in. Report of the Oversees of the Poor

Took up the 5th article in the warrant. and accepted the report of the Oversees of the Poor as Printed which is as follows —

Inventory of Personal Property at the Town Farm March 1st 1865

2 Oxen	200	00	4 Ox Muzzles		50
4 Cows	200	00	3 Augers	1	50
8 Cows @ 45	360	00	1 Box Rule		35
5 2 Yr Old Heifers	125	00	1 Bitstock & Bits	1	32
4 Calves	40	00	9 Feather Beds @ 7,50	67	50
1 Horse	175	00	20 Pillows & Bolsters	10	00
3 Tons Meadow Hay	36	00	18 Sheets at 60 ~~cents~~	10	80
16½ Tons English Hay	577	50	10 Pillow Cases	2	00
1 Ton Husks and Stalks	10	00	5 Bed quilts	12	00
1 Buggy Wagon	45	00	2 Box Stoves	5	00
1 Sleigh	20	00	2 Rocking Chairs	2	25
1 Old Sleigh	3	00	1 light Stand		50
25 Fowls —	12	00	1 Case drawers	6	00
4 Turkeys	7	00	1 Cylinder Stove	3	00
4 Plows	40	00	1 Wash Stand	3	00
1 Cultivator	8	00	1 Basin & Ewer	1	00
1 Harrow	12	00	1 Warming pan	1	00
1 Winnowing Mill	12	00	2 Dust Brushes		33
2 Manure pullers.		50	2 Brooms		40
1 15ft. Ladder	1	50	2 Dust Brushes		17
1 Hay cutter & Trough	9	50	2 Air tight Stoves & pipe	14	00
1 Buggy Harness	25	00	6 Tables	6	00
3 Manure forks	4	00	1 Cook Stove	20	00
3 C. S. Shovels	1	50	1 Brush Broom		50
1 Long handle do		75	100. tin Milk pans	18	00
2 Iron Bars	3	00	2 Cream Pails	2	00
1 Pick	1	00	7 Milk Pails	1	62
1 Stone Hammer	1	00	2 Strainer Pails	1	50
3 Draft chains	3	00	5 Tin Pails	1	00
1 long log chain	3	00	2 Butter Boxes	2	00
4 Stake chains	2	00	1 Tray		38
3 Hails	1	50	1 Butter Mould		50

1 Handle tin pan		50	1 Post Axe		50
1 Small Churn	1	00	1/4 M. Shingles		50
8 Towels -	1	00	2 Axes and handles	4	00
5 Table Covers	5	00	7 Old Axes -	1	75
36 3/4 lbs Candles - a 22	8	08	1 Shaving Horse	1	00
52 " Lard a 25	13	00	1 Hog Hook		50
26 " Butter a 50	13	00	1 Bustle & Wedges	1	50
25 " Sausage a 25	6	25	1 Grindstone & frame	3	00
1 Hay knife & Gimlets		83	1 Wood Saw		50
4 pr Ox Bows.	3	00	1 Old fan Mill	1	00
1 Monkey & Cart wrench	1	25	60 Bushels Corn	120	00
1 Hand Saw		75	14 Meal Bags	3	00
3 Corn Cutters	1	00	150 lbs Beef	18	00
1 Drag Rake		83	42 " fresh pork a 17	7	14
4 Whiffletrees & Evener	3	00	24 " " Beef " 15	3	60
3 Hoes	1	00	2 Buckets		75
2 Boghoes	1	00	1 Sausage filler		50
1 String Bells	1	75	18 1/2 lbs tallow a 17	3	14
1 Peat knife & fork	1	00	13 1/4 " Beef a 1c	2	20
2 - 3tine & 2 - 2tined forks	2	00	1/2 bbl Flour	7	00
2 Ox yokes. Staples & Rings	6	00	Rye flour		50
2 Ox Carts	80	00	Lot fresh Meat	3	10
1 Ox Wagon	30	00	1 Hammer		50
2 Hay Cart Bodies	6	00	3 Wash tubs	2	75
1 Draft Harness	5	00	1/4 Gal Stone pot		83
1 Ox Sled	2	00	2 " " "		87
1 pr Jetters	1	00	1/2 " Boiled Cider		75
1 Whiffletree Chain		50	1 Bread trough		75
1 Old Wagon Harness	5	00	1 Meal Chest	1	00
1 Stone Boat	3	00	1 Clothes Basket		50
500 ft Chestnut Lumber	9	00	1 Wash board		31
2 pr Sled runners	4	00	2 Clothes Horses	2	25
100 ft Oak Joists	2	00	2 pr Andyards		50
1 Carriage Jack	1	50	Swill Barrel & Pails	1	00
1 pr Crop reins	1	50	1 Swill Dipper		20
2 Sows with Pig	65	00	1 Wash bench		50
1 Scalding Tub	1	50	1 Lantern		75
1 Water pail		50	2 One Gall Stone Jugs		40
1 Bush Scythe & 2 Snaths	2	00	10 Spice Boxes		50

2	Tin Strainers		25	1½ bush red Eye beans	6 00
1	Tea Pot		33	5 " White "	15 00
2	Fluid Cans		50	1 Cheese tub	1 50
1	Milk Can		60	Cheese hoops & Boxes	1 50
3	Tin Dippers		38	2 Bedsteads	2 00
6	-2qt tin pans		75	30 Flour Barrels	5 00
2	graters		25	100 bush potatoes	100 00
×3	pint tin dishes		18	8 Gals. pickles	2 67
×13	Tin Cake pans		75	¼ bush turnips	80
2	Funnels		25	1 " Beets	1 00
1	Skimmer		15	Lot Cabbage	50
4	Candlesticks		25	¼ bbs Cider	12 00
4	napkins		80	8 Cider Barrels	8 00
23	plates		58	142 lbs ham @ 20	28 40
1	Egg beater & fork		12	350 " Salt pork @ 20	70 00
1	platter		16	15 " Beef	2 10
½	doz. plated Spoons	1	00	6 Meat Barrels	6 00
3	large Spoons		25	1 painted Iron Bound ½ bbl	1 00
3	plated Do	1	00	1 gall. Molases	1 20
3	Iron do		30	1 bbl Soap	6 00
	Knives and forks	1	25	2 bush Apples	2 50
7	tumblers		50	99¾ lbs Cheese @ 20	19 95
	vinegar and barrel	3	50	10 Bedsteads & Cords	7 50
¾	Bushel garden Beans	3	00	8 Straw Beds @ 60	4 80
1	Corn rack		50	2 Small waiters	12
½	Bushel Salt		63	1 Apple parer	50
¼	" fine Salt		38	1 Moulding board & pin	75
2	Sickles		50	1 Mortar and pestle	25
2	Cheese presses	4	00	1 Knife box	25
10	bush. rye @ 42-	20	00	1 clothes wringer	2 50
60	" Oats	60	00	15 Chairs	3 00
1	Box rack		50	1 tin qt measure	12
1	Set dry measures		50	1 looking Glass	50
6	hay rakes	1	00	8 Curtains & fixtures	4 00
4	Scythes & Snaths	4	00	1 light Stand	20
2	grain Cradles	6	00	4 Spittoons	1 00
	Lot Seed Corn	4	00	1 Razor	25
8	Old Chests	4	00	2 Butcher Knives	30
1	peasant Churn	6	00	1 Corn popper	25

1 Iron Basin		25	1 Dinner Bell	50
1 Set Wire Covers	1	00	1¾ Bush Basket	50
½ Set Cups and Saucers		15	1 Bush Basket	50
1 " " "		58	1 Case Drawers	3 00
1 Oil Cloth Cover	1	00	2 Sad Irons	90
24 bottles		24	1½ lbs Tea a $1.50	2 25
3 Cheese Strainers		75	3 Old Pails	33
2 Wool Blankets	1	50	5 lbs Sugar	1 25
Ice Tongs-	2	00	1 Spider	25
6 Chambers	1	50	1 Iron Pot	75
Boot Jack & Whetstones		50	2 " Kettles	75
1 Cake Skimmer		25	1 Oval Boiler	1 00
				30 92 87-

Receipts of the Town Farm for the Year Ending March 1st 1865

Cash &c; for Stock Sold	63 00	878 lbs Beef	91 21
" " for Milk	12 10	Pumpkins	3 85
" " 319¼ lbs Butter	126 47	Soap grease	80
" " 28 lbs Lard	5 04	Lodgings	3 15
" " 71¾ Bushels Oats	63 57	Fowls	4 87
" " Straw	88 11	Head and Tripe	40
" " 8 Doz Eggs-	1 84	Pork	82 63
" " Calves	21 55	Lumber	13 89
" " 65¼ Bushels Rye	125 03	Fan Mill	75
" " 94¾ " Potatoes	81 08	Oxen and Cart	1 25
" " 10 pigs	51 00	2 hides	13 10
" " 65⅗ lbs Hay	62 35	16 Bushels Ashes	2 67
1 Barrel Cider	4 75	59¼ lbs rough Tallow	5 02
1¼ Bushl Corn	2 27	1 foot Wood	1 00
18¾ lbs Cheese	7 57	1¼ Bushel Beans	1 00
			1520 34
5 Cords Wood delivered to Sally Phillips			30 00
			1550 34
Amount of Personal Property on hand March 1st 1864 as per Inventory			2733 44
Interest on Real Estate.			360 00
Agents Salary to April 1st 1865			350 00

Labor Exclusive of Agents. Salary $102,02
Expenses on farm for Stock boarding Clothing
repairs, groceries, blacksmith. Medical attendance $634,59
Stationary, Postage Stamps &c 3,00
Services of Oversers 60,00
$4,563,05

Amount of Personal Property on hand at
the farm March 1st 1865 3092.37
Amount of Stock, Hay, grain, produced &c
Sold the past Year 1550 34
$4642,71

Surplus above Supporting the poor the past Year
at the farm $79,66
Whole number Supported or Assisted on farm 105
Whole number of weeks 280

Cost of Supporting Poor off the Farm

John Jennings	3	44
Assisting traveling poor	2	30
Giorge T Clark	58	37
Mrs Jefferson Paine	1	50
John Aldrich	2	50
Susan E Smith	23	70
Mrs Norton	5	00
Mrs Dunn	10	00
Miss Sally Phillips	78	08
Mrs Lovei Clark	2	99
Ann Perkins	3	00
Mrs Noah Goodrick	9	64
Mrs Redman	11	92
Assisting poor Woman & Child	2	00
Patrick Harrington	12	55
Deborah Warren	36	00
Charles N Sherman	52	00
John Mowry	57	55
Sickness & funeral Expenses of Thomas Grant	18	61
Town of Fitchburg for assisting Sylvester Hayne's family	83	71

Sickness and funeral Expenses of Thomas Rood	13,50
Fare of Hannah Stuart to Monson	1,20
Expenses of Ellen Rumick to Monson	5 30
Funeral Expenses and board of Ann Batchelder	23,50
" " of Joseph Bonnes Child	4,37
" " " Edward Terills child	1,35
" " " Mrs A Jacobs Child	12 50
" " " John Macks Child	3,95
" " " Andrew Stuart	11,50
Assisting Mrs J S W Lee	12,00
" Mrs Mann	1,00
Due Town of Upton	21,40
Due Town of Northbridge for Assisting Daniel F Brooks	644
	$596,07

Refunded from the following Town —

Gourwick for Assisting Mrs J S W Lee	12 00	
Due from State	30,00	
Surplus for supporting poor on Farm	79,66 —	121,66
Total Expense for supporting paupers the past Year		$474,41

Valuation of Town Farm	$6000.00
Personal Property per Inventory	3092 37
	9092.37

Inmates of the Alms House —

The number of persons who have been inmates of the Almshouse during the year is 11. Four have been discharged and one death Mr Jacob Marble. The present number is 6 —

We have Engaged the Services of Mr and Mrs Warren Sanders to Superintend the Almshouse one Year ending April 1st 1866. at a Salary of $350.00 and they are to furnish all the help in the house at their own Expense — There is cut and corded on the lot 112 cords of Wood. Paid towards cutting same $80.78.

Respectfully Submitted

Samuel Harrington
C R White
Samuel A Knox
} Overseers of the Poor

Grafton March 1st 1865 —

Took up the 8th Article in the Warrant.
The General School Committee's Report not being prepared. it was on Motion Voted to pass over the Article for the present—

Took up the 9th Article in the Warrant.
The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery. through their Treasurer Rufus E Warren. Submitted their Report which was accepted as follows—

Report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery—

The Treasurer Charges himself as follows— Viz

1864 March 1st	Balance Reported on hand	$136,27
1865 March 6	Cash Rec'd for Lots sold the past Year	100,75
" " "	" for Wood	95 00
		332,02

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By Cash paid	for Labor & Sundries	85 55
	Balance	$246,47

All of which is Respectfully Submitted
Rufus E Warren Treasurer—

A True Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Took up the 10th Article in the Warrant.
The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery Submitted their Report which was accepted as follows—

The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery ask leave to present the following as their financial account for the Year Ending March 1st 1865

Resources

Due from Sundry Persons	81,08
Cash in hands of Treasu	58,90
	139,98
	11,70
	128,28

Balance in favor of Cemetery

Liabilities

E B Brooks
for Land 11,70

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The Trustees have Examined their Treasurers account for the Year and find it correct. and further State that during the past Year we have Expended but a Small Sum

R D Chase. Sec & Treasurer
Pr Order of Trustees—

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Took up the 11th Article in the Warrant. and on motion Voted to repair the Highways. Townways and Bridges the Ensuing Year by a Money Tax—

Took up the 2d Article in the Warrant and on motion Voted. to choose five Highway Surveyors for the Year Ensuing—

Then by nomination chose Mr F Slocum. George F Slocomb. George K Nichols. S. E. Howes & S A Knowles Highway Surveyors for the Year Ensuing— who were Severally Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their office March 21st 1865 by James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Elevnth Article in the Warrent and on Motion. Voted to Authorize the Selectmen to re-district the town as in their judgement shall seem best.

Took up the 12th Article in the Warrant. and on motion Voted to raise Fifteen Thousand Dollars to defray town charges the Ensuing Year—

On Motion Voted to appropriate three thousand dollars for common Schools the Ensuing Year

On Motion Voted to appropriate One thousand four hundred dollars for High School the Ensuing Year—

On motion Voted to appropriate One thousand four hundred dollars for Highways the Ensuing Year—

. On Motion Voted to appropriate One Thousand dollars for the fire department for the Year Ensuing —

On Motion Voted to appropriate five hundred dollars for Bridges for the Year Ensuing —

Voted to appropriate five hundred dollars. for rent of Town Hall. & Office for the Ensuing Year —

Voted to appropriate. One Thousand. One hundred dollars for Interest on Town Bonds. for the Ensuing Year

Voted to appropriate Six hundred and Sixty dollars for Interest on Town Notes for the Year Ensuing

Took up the 13th article in the warrant. and On Motion Voted to adopt the same rule with regard to Taxes as was adopted last year. which was as follows — Viz "Voted to allow no discount on Taxes the Ensuing Year and that all Poll Taxes be collected on demand. and that All Taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of November next. and that all Taxes remaining unpaid after that day be subject to One percent per Month until paid. and all legal costs for collecting — The collector to pay over to the Treasurer all money by him collected Once in ten days. from the time he receives his Tax Bills —

Voted to put up the collecting of Taxes for the Year Ensuing at Auction to the lowest Bidder — which was accordingly done. and Edward B Bigelow offering to collect them for three fourths of One percent and no One offering to collect them for less — they were struck off to Edward B Bigelow at three fourths of one per cent —

— up —

Took up the 2d Article in the Warrant and By Ballot chose Edward B Bigelow Collector of Taxes for the Year Ensuing — E B Bigelow was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Collector of Taxes. July 26th AD 1865 By James W White Town Clerk

Took up the 14th Article in the Warrant — and on Motion Voted to allow the Sextons for burying the dead the Same as was allowed last Year which was two dollars and fifty cents for digging & filling the grave — Ringing the Bell to give Notice of a death and tolling the Bell at the funeral and attending the funeral with his Horse and the Towns Hearse —

Said two dollars and fifty cents to be in full for all Said Services as Sexton —

Reconsidered

Took up the 15th Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to allow firemen the Same compensation as was allowed them last Year which was as follows — The number of men for Each Engine Company to be limited to forty five — that they Each recieve Six dollars a Year for their Services — and if any do not serve a full Year they shall receive pay in proportion to the time they do serve —

Took up the 16th Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to Authorize the Prudential Committees in the Several School Districts to Employ the teachers in their respective districts the Ensuing Year —

Took up the Seventeenth article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to Accept the List of names prepared by the Selectmen Except the the name of George F Jourdan who was not liable to serve as Juror in account of having Served within three Years — and Except the name of Loren Davis who was by Vote Excused —

over

The following is a List of Names prepared by the Selectmen of Grafton. to be placed in the Jury Box for the Year Ensuing (as accepted by town) February 20th 1865

Seth J Axtell	Samuel C Flagg	John W Plaisted
Joseph B Adams	J Augustus Goddard	Ashley W Rice
Luke F Allen	J J Goodrich	George H Rugg
Cyrus D Aldrich	Levi C Haywood	Jonathan W How
Joseph Adams 2	William H Harrington	Esek Saunders
Jefferson Bellows	John P Hayden	John E Sinclair
Horace P Brown	Lewis Holbrook	John A Swasey
Horace Batchelor	J G Hall	Cyrus W Stratton
John W Bigelow	C A Holden	Silas E How
J P Champney	Uriah B Johnson	George F Slocomb
John P Crosby	Royal A Keith	Leander Stockwell
Hollis Chamberlin	Elijah B Knowlton	Silas Vinton
Richard K Crane	Rodney Leland	Moses C Woodbury
John M Davenport	Benjamin K Moulton	John Whitney
Sumner Dinsmore	James W McKenzie	Stephen R White
Samuel B Dolliver	Lawson Munyan	Horace S Warren
George M Dunn	Henry H Merriam	Rufus E Warren
Lewis W Dodge	George H Mansfield	Nathaniel G Whitney
Winthrop Faulkner	James G Putnam	Clark C Willis
Noah Fletcher	John Putnam	Henry Wesson
Hiram Fernald	Henry G Prentice	D B Wingate
Benjamin W Fay	Samuel W Putnam	
Silas A Forbush	Summer Packard	

Took up the 18th Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted. that the High School be kept the Ensuing Year within the limits of the Centre District—

Took up the 19th Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to authorize the Selectmen to cause one of the Church Bells in the centre of the Town to be rung at 12 Oclock M. & 7 Oclock P M

Took up the 20th Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to pass Over the Article —

On Motion took up the 14th Article in the Warrant and Voted to Reconsider the Vote passed upon this article fixing the compensation of the Sextons for burying the Dead —

On Motion Voted that the matter contained in this Article, and all matters relating to the Subject be left in the hands of the Selectmen

Took up the 2d Article in the Warrant, and on Motion Voted, that the Selectmen be Auditing Committee for the Year Ensuing —

Then on motion Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next at One Oclock P M

James W White Town Clerk —

Ass'r. $10,50

Know all Men by these presents that We George F Slocomb of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts. as Principal and John W Slocomb and Augustus Slocomb of Said Grafton as Sureties are holden and firmly bound. to Said Town of Grafton, or its Certain Attorney. in the Sum of twenty Thousand Dollars. for the payment of which well and truly to be made, we bind Ourselves. Our Heirs. Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents - Sealed with Our Seals. and dated this Seventeenth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty five -

The condition of this Obligation is such. that whereas the Said George F Slocomb has been Chosen Treasurer for Said Town of Grafton for the Current Year. and has accepted Said Office and been duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties thereof -

Now if the Said George F Slocomb as Treasurer as aforesaid. - Account for all monies which may come into his possession. and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the Other legal duties of the aforesaid Office. Then this Obligation Shall be void - Otherwise. it Shall remain in full force and Virtue

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of Uriah Searle

George F Slocomb LS
J. W Slocomb. LS
A. Slocomb LS

Grafton March 27th 1865

The within Bond is accepted and Approved -

Wm F Slocum
Geo K Nichols
S E Howe
S A Knowles

Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton. April 3d 1865

The inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs. met at the Town Hall in said Grafton pursuant to adjournment from the Sixth day of March. now last past and transacted the following business. to wit—

1st. The meeting was called to Order by S D Hall Moderator and on Motion it was voted that the reading of the Records of the last meeting be dispensed with—.

Took up the 2d Article in the warrant and by Ballot chose John W Bigelow for Genral School committee. in place of Jesse H Smith who was chosen on the Sixth day of March now last past but declined Serving.

By Ballot Chose S. A. Knowles. Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery in place of Samuel W Putnam who declined to serve longer in said Office—

H. O. Greenwood who was chosen Constable at the meeting on the Sixth day of March now last past. declined Serving and it was Voted. that the Office be left vacant.—

By nomination Chose H. T. Eddy Field driver in place of Elden Holt who was chosen on the Sixth day of March now last past but declined Serving—

On Motion Voted to choose the Prudential Committees for the Several School Districts by nomination

Then by nomination Chose.

on

for District № 1 C D Hall
" " " 2 Henry M Pollard
" " " 3 Silas E Stow
" " " 4 Henry A Wisson
" " " 5 E P Dennis
" " " 6 Alfred Morse
" " " 7 Otis Frissell
" " " 8 Joseph Merriam Jr
" " " 9 Lewis H Bigelow
" " " 10 S. C. Lincoln
" " " 11 E B Knowlton . (Prudential Comtee)

Took up the 8th Article in the Warrant.

The Genral School Committee having prepared their Report and caused the Same to be Printed presented a printed Copy thereof whereupon it was Voted to accept the Report as printed (for which see files)

Took up the 21st Article in the Warrant

The committee Chosen in June 1864 for the purpose of grading the avenue on the north side of Pine Grove Cemetery and building a fence on the East line and so much on the north line as to meet the Old fence having attended to the duty Assigned them presented their Report which was accepted as follows

"Your Committee have caused the road to be made on the north side of said Cemetery about twenty three rods in length at a cost of $ 25 80. They have also built a fence on the East line and about four rods on the north line meeting the Old fence. by setting down posts and nailing on three Rails making about 21 Rods in length at a cost of $ 47.12 making the total Expense for the above named improvements $ 72,92. all of which is respectfully Submitted

Per Order J H Allen Chairman

Then Dissolved this Meeting —

James W White Town Clerk

. Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the third day of April next at two Oclock P.M to act on the following articles to wit -

Art. 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting —

. 2d To See if the Town will authorise their Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town or act thereon -

. 3d To See what action if any the Town will take to Encourage Enlistments for the Military or Naval Service of the United States to be credited to the town on any future call of the President for men —

. 4th To See if the Town will provide a secure and convenient Lockup as required by the Sixteenth Section of Chapter 217 Statutes of 1862. or act thereon. as petitioned for by S.D. Hall and Others -

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village. Farnums Ville and Saunders Village. Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not. and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid —

(over)

Given under Our hands this twenty Second day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty five –

Wm F Slocum
Geo F Slocomb.
Geo K Nichols.
S. E. Howe
S A Knowles
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss- April 3d. 1865-
I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of Said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village, Seven days at least before the time of holding Said meeting as therein directed.

S D Hall. Constable of Grafton

A True Copy

James W White Town Clerk –

Grafton April 3d 1865

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs held in the Town Hall in Said Grafton pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the following proceedings were had

1st By Ballot Chose. H L Greenwood Moderator – the checklist being used at his Election –

Took up the 2d Article in the Warrant and on motion Voted to Authorize the Treasurer to borrow Money for the use of the Town under the direction of the Selectmen –

Took up the 3d article in the warrant and on motion voted to authorize the Selectmen to procure all the Recruits they can by paying One hundred and twenty five dollars Bounty

Took up the 4th article in the Warrant and On motion voted that the Selectmen be authorized to ascertain what a Lockup will cost and where one can be put and report at a future meting—

Voted to adjourn this meting to the first monday in May next at One Oclock in the afternoon at the Town Hall

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton May 1st 1865

The Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall in said Grafton pursuant to adjournment from the third day of April now last past and transacted the following business. to wit—

Took up the third article in the warrant and on motion voted to reconsider the vote passed on this article on the third day of April last past—

Took up the 4th article in the warrant—

The Selectmen through their Chairman Reported verbally that Mr L Stockwell would let to the town for a series of years a room where a Lockup could be made. the rent to be fifty dollars per year. the cost for putting in the Lock up they have not ascertained. On motion of W Faulkner voted to accept the Report.

On motion of W Faulkner voted to pass over the Article—

On motion of John W Slocomb voted to dissolve this meting—

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 18th 1865

At a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held this Eighteenth day of April A D 1865 for the purpose of appointing the Several Town Officers authorized to be appointed by them by vote of the Town passed March 6th A D 1865, and also the Several Town Officers which it is made their duty by law to appoint. the following persons were appointed to the following Offices viz-

For Engineers

George H Mansfield
Wm G Palmer. ✓ W.F.D
Jasper S Nelson ✓ S.B.
George F Slocomb.
Horace S Warren
Henry F Wing
Barnabas Newton ✓ B.T.N.
John W Plaisted ✓ W.S.S.
Silas E Stow ✓
Alfred Morse
Clark C Willis
Gilbert C Taft.

For Sealer of Weights and Measures and Measurer of Grain
Nathan Hancock. who was duly Sworn
April 25th 1865 by James W White Town Clerk

For Measurers of Wood and Bark - Fee 10 cts pr Load
Barnabas Newton
Summer Dinsmore
Robert D Chase
S. A Knowles. Sworn April 18th 1865 by J W White Town Clerk
S E Goulding
Wm A White
Charles Fowler.

For Measurers of Upper Leather
James W McKenzie
John W Estabrook

Fod Weighers of Coal. Ju 15 cts per Load
E O Lindley Sworn. Feb 22 AD 1866 by J W White Town Clerk
Sam Harrington Sworn April 19th 1866 by James W White Town Clerk
W L Munyan
Wm A White
Charles Fowler -

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the nineteenth day of June current, at two Oclock P M to act on the following Articles to wit—

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting—

" 2d To see if the Town will make an appropriation to refund the money paid by the Enrolled Citizens and Others, for the purpose of filling the Quota of said Town. Or act thereon as petitioned for by H M Davis and Others—

" 3d To see if the Town will raise money in Addition to the Sum already raised to defray Town Charges the current Year, and make appropriations of the Same or act thereon—

" 4th To see if the Town will make repairs on the Town an fence at Pine Grove Cemetery or act thereon,

And You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Center of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid—

Given under Our hands this ninth day of June, in in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty five

Wm F Slocum
Geo F Slocomb
I E Stow
I A Knowles
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton June 19th A.D. 1865

Shaw Servid the foregoing Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnumsville and Saunders Village Seven Days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed

S D Hall. Constable of Grafton

A True Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton June 19th A D 1865

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs. met at the Town Hall in said Grafton On Monday the nineteenth day of June A D 1865 at two Oclock P M pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, and transacted the following business viz

1st By Ballot chose S D Hall Moderator (check List used)

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant, and on Motion of H C Bowwood Submitted in writing it was Voted. "That the Town pay and refund any and all money that has been paid and assessed by the Town, or contributed by individuals. including Enrolled men as well as all Others for the purpose of filling the quota of the town in furnishing men for the war to suppress the rebellion under any and all requisitions. Orders and calls of the President of the United States during the Year Eighteen hundred and Sixty four. the same to be paid on the first day of November next—

Took up the third article in the Warrant, and on Motion of Luke F Allen it was Voted to raise by taxation on the Polls and Estates of the Town the present year the sum of four thousand dollars. in addition to the sum already raised to defray town charges the current year—

Took up the fourth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to choose a committee of three to be nominated by the Moderator to repair the Tomb and make such fence as may be necessary at Pine Grove Cemetery — The Moderator nominated S A Knowlton S A Knox and R D Chase for said Committee and they were by vote unanimously chosen said Committee and the meting was dissolved —

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton July 10th A D 1865

At a meting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held on this tenth day of July A D 1865 James W White was duly appointed an Agent for the Town of Grafton to purchase intoxicating Liquors, and to sell the same within, for and On Account of said town, to be used in the Arts, or for Medicinal, Chemical, and Mechanical purposes, and no other until the Seventh day of May A D 1866 unless sooner removed from said Agency —

The Whole Number of Inhabitants in the Town of Grafton May 1st 1865 as taken by James W White — Agent was 3,962 Whole No of Dwellings 729 — Whole No of Families 887 — No of Legal Voters 751 — No of Naturalized Voters 74 No of Taxable Polls 946 — No of Males 1922 — No of Females 2040. — No of Irish Born 411 No of Canadian Born 405. No of English Born 63. No of Scotts 20 No of Born in Turkey 3 — No Born in Germany 1 No Born in Spain 1 — Total No of Foreign Born 904 — Whole No Born in Grafton 1133 —

James W White Agent to take Censes
& Town Clerk

Aug 30th 1865

Know all men by these presents that I Simon A Knowles of Grafton in the County of Worcester as principal and L M Smith and William T Barker of said Grafton as Sureties are holden and Stand firmly bound and Obliged unto the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton aforesaid in the full and just Sum of five hundred dollars to be paid unto the said inhabit=ants of Grafton their Successors or Assigns. to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind Our=Selves. Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents.

Witness Our Hands and Seals this twenty ninth day of June in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand. Eight hundred and Sixty five

The Condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas. at the Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton. held on the Sixth day of March in the Year Eighteen hundred and Sixty five the Said S A Knowles was duly Elected a Constable of Said Grafton for the Year then Ensuing. Now if the Said S A Knowles Shall faithfully Purform his duties as Constable in the Service of civil processes which may be committed to him as Such Constable. then this Obligation Shall be void. Otherwise Shall remain in full force power and vitue -

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of Dean Mackie, Lucien G Hayward

S A Knowles. L S
L M Smith L S
Wm T Barker L S.

U S R. $100.
A Copy
Attest
James W White
Town Clerk

Grafton July 10th 1865
within Bond
Attest

We approve the
Wm F Slocum
Geo F Slocum
S. E Stowe
Selectmen
of
Grafton

Know All men by these presents that We Edward B Bigelow of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Principal, and Abram M Bigelow and Jonathan D Wheelock of Said Grafton as sureties, are holden and firmly bound to Said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorney in the Sum of twenty five thousand dollars for the Payment of Which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with Our Seals and dated this twenty Sixth day of July in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty five

The condition of this Obligation is such that Whereas the Said Edward B Bigelow has been chosen Collector of Taxes for Said Town of Grafton for the current Year and has Accepted that Office and been duly Sworn to the discharge of the duties of the Same

Now if the Said Edward B Bigelow Shall as Collector as aforesaid faithfully Collect, Account for and pay Over all the Taxes which he Shall be legally required to collect, and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the other legal duties of the aforesaid Office, then this Obligation Shall be void, Otherwise Shall remain in full force and virtue

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
James W White

U S R
$100

E B Bigelow L S
A M Bigelow L S
Jon^{a} D Wheelock L S

A Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton August 1st 1865

We Approve the within Bond

Wm F Slocum
S E Howe
Geo K Nichols
S A Knowles

Selectmen of Grafton

A Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting –

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton. on Tuesday the Seventh day of November next at nine Oclock in the forenoon. it being "the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month". to bring in their votes to the Selectmen. for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Recieved General, Auditor of Accounts. and Attorney General of the Commonwealth; and for A Councillor for the Sixth councillor District. and for a Senator for the East Worcester Senatorial District, and for a County Commissioner for the county of Worcester, and for two Special Commissioners for the County of Worcester. and for four Commissioners of Insolvency for the County of Worcester, and for a Sheriff for the County of Worcester. and for a District Attorney for the Middle District – Also to choose a Representative, to Represent the Seventeenth representative District in Worcester County. in the General Court of Massachusetts to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next –

The Votes for all the above Officers will be received Open and Unfolded on One Ballot. Or in Sealed Envelopes. on Separate ballots as best Suits the Voter. Each Vote to Specify the Office Voted for –

The Polls will be Opened to receive the Votes for the above Officers at ten Oclock A M. –

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting up an attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England villages

over

Farnums ville and Saunders Village. Seven days. at least before the time of holding said meeting-

Hereof fail not. and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under Our hands this twenty third day of October in the year of Our Lord One thousand. Eight hundred and Sixty five-

Wm F Slocum
Geo F Slocomb
Geo K Nichols
S E Stow
S A Knowles
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss- November 7th A D 1865

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town. and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders Village. Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed-

S Davis Hall Constable of Grafton-

A True Copy of Warrant and return
James W White Town Clerk

Grafton November 7th 1865.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, met in the Town Hall in said Grafton pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and transacted the following business - viz

1st The Meeting was called to Order by William F Slocum Esq. Chairman of the Selectmen and the Warrant for the Meeting was read by the Town Clerk - after which it was voted to close the Polls at three Oclock this afternoon - The Votes for the Several Offices named in the Warrant, having been given in to the Selectmen. the Polls were closed at three Oclock P.M. and the Votes having all been Sorted, counted Recorded and Returns of the same having been made out. Signed by the proper town Officers and Seale up in Open town Meeting were declared to be as follows viz

The Whole Number of Votes for Governor was two hundred and fifty Seven - 257 -

Alexander H Bullock of Worcester had two hundred and twenty Eight Votes - 228

Darius N Couch of Taunton had twenty Eight Votes 28

The Whole number of Votes for Lieutenant Governor was two hundred and fifty Six 256

William Claflin of Newton had two hundred and twenty Seven Votes - 227 -

Thomas F Plunkett of Pittsfield had twenty Eight Votes 28

The Whole number of Votes for Secretary of State was two hundred and fifty Seven 257 -

Oliver Warner of Northampton had two hundred and twenty nine Votes 229

S O Lamb of Greenfield had twenty Eight Votes 28

The whole number of Votes for Attorney General was two hundred and fifty Seven 257

Chester I Reed of Taunton had two hundred and twenty nine Votes 229

Horatio Parker of Cambridge had twenty Eight Votes 28

The whole number of Votes for Treasurer was two hundred and fifty Seven

Jacob H Loud of Plymouth had two hundred and twenty nine Votes 229

Thomas C Amory of Boston had twenty Eight Votes 28

The whole number of Votes for Auditor was two hundred and fifty Seven 257

Henry S Briggs of Pittsfield had two hundred and twenty nine Votes 229

A F Devereux of Salem had twenty Eight Votes 28

The whole number of Votes for Councillor for Sixth Councillor District was two hundred and fifty Six 256

Joseph F Hitchcock of Warren had two hundred and twenty Eight Votes 228

W T Browning of Framingham had twenty Eight Votes 28

The whole number of Votes for Sheriff for Worcester county was two hundred and fifty Seven 257

John S C Knowlton of Worcester had two hundred and twenty nine votes- 229

Edwin Conant of Worcester had twenty Eight Votes 28

The whole number of Votes for District Attorney for the middle District was two hundred and fifty Seven 257

Hartley Williams of Worcester had two hundred and twenty nine Votes- 229

Wm A Williams of Worcester had twenty Eight Vots 28

The whole number of Votes for County Commissioner for Worcester County was two hundred and fifty Six 256

Amory Holman of Bolton had two hundred and twenty Eight Votes 228

J H Barker of Milford had twenty Eight Votes 28

The whole number of Votes for Special Commissioners for Worcester County was two hundred and fifty Six 256

Wm H Davis of Webster had two hundred and twenty Eight Votes 228

David F Parmenter of Holden had two hundred and twenty Eight Votes- 228

Levi Heywood of Gardner had twenty Eight Votes 28

Jos Burnett of Southboro had twenty Eight Votes 28

The whole number of Votes for Commissioners of Insolvency for the County of Worcester was two hundred and fifty Seven 257

Daniel Stearns of Fitchburg had two hundred
and twenty nine votes — 229
William T Harlow of Worcester had two hundred
and twenty nine votes — 229
Arthur G Bisco of Westboro had two hundred
and twenty Six votes 226
John H Stockwell of Webster had two hundred
and twenty nine votes — 229

M J McCafferty of Worcester had twenty Six votes 26
L B Jaquith of Fitchburg had twenty Eight votes 28
O Underwood of Milford had twenty Eight votes 28
H H Stevens of Dudley had twenty Eight votes 28

The whole number of votes for Senator for the East
Worcester District was two hundred and fifty five 255

George S Ball of Upton had two hundred and
twenty Seven votes 227

Jonathan Warren of Grafton had twenty Eight votes 28

The whole Number of votes for Representative to
represent the Seventeenth District in Worcester County
in the General Court of Massachusetts to be holden
at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next was
two hundred and fifty three — 253
Joseph B Adams of Grafton had One vote 1
George F Slocomb of Grafton had One vote 1
S E Goulding of Grafton had twenty Seven votes 27
I Davis Hall of Grafton had two hundred and
twenty four votes and was Elected — 224

On Motion Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest James W White Town Clerk

We the Undersigned duly appointed to Perambulate the Line between the City of Worcester and the Town of Grafton Met this day for the aforesaid purpose at a Stone Monument in Land of F B Pratt Esq. it being a corner of Millbury and Worcester and a Side line of Grafton. And proceeded thence to a like Monument on the bank of Flints Pond, Said Line Extending into Said Pond to met Shrewsbury corner, and we Report Said Monuments in good condition -

Novmber 17th A D 1865

Benj^r Flagg
Ashley Moore } In behalf of the City of Worcester

Wm F Slocum
S A Knowles } In behalf of the Town of Grafton

A True Copy Recevied Novmber 23 A D 1865
James W White Town Clerk

Franklin Telegraph Co. Location

We the Subscribers. Selectmen of the Town of Grafton. having been applied to by the Franklin Telegraph Company. a Corporation Organized under the 19th Chapter of the Acts of 1865. to Specify where the posts of a Line of Telegraph. may be located along the highways and public roads of Said town, from a point, beginning on the main road from Worcester to Grafton at the town line between Millbury and Grafton. thence along Said main road to the town line between Grafton and Upton. the kind of posts. the hight at which and the places where the wires may run. In compliance with Said request. and in pursuance of the provisions of the General Statutes of this Commonwealth Chapter 64. have located the posts of Said line as follows. viz

Beginning at the town line on Said road from Grafton to Worcester. Post No 1 at a point on the Southerly Side of Said road. S. 64° 40' E. two chains and fourteen Links from the Stone monument. on the Northerly Side of Said Road on Said town Line. The Second post S. 83° 30' E. One Chain and Sixty three links from post No 1- Post No 3. S. 83° 15' E two chains and Sixty two links from post No 2- Post No 4. S. 83° E two chains and forty Six links from post No 3. Post No 5 S. 82° 45' E two chains and twenty two links from post No 4- Post No 6. S 83° E two chains and forty Eight links from post No 5- Post No 7. S 81° E. crossing a road leading to Millbury road. two Chains and Sixty links from post No 6. Post No 8. South 81° 50' E. two chains and twenty two links from post No 7. Post No 9. S 84° 45' E. two chains and twenty nine links from post No 8. Post No 10. S. 83° 10' E two chains and Sixty two links from post No 9. Post No 11. S. 81° 45' E two chains and forty four links from post No 10. Post No 12. S. 84° 50' E. two chains and thirty two links from post No 11- Post No 13. S. 81° 45' E. two chains and twenty links from post No 12 Post No 14 the same course two chains and forty four links from post No 13. Post No 15 at the junction of the Millbury road S. 83° 10' E. two chains from post No 14 Post No 16. S 82° E two chains and thirty four links from post No 15-

Post N°17 S 85° 45' E. two chains and thirty links from post N°16
Post N°18. N. 89° 30' E. two Chains and twenty three links from post N°17
Post N°19. N. 89° 30 E two Chains and thirty Eight links from post N° 18
Post N°20 N 89° 30. E two chains and fifty four Links from post N° 19.
Post N°21. N 89° 15 E two Chains and twenty three links from post N°20.
Post N°22 N. 83° E two chains and thirty links from post N°21
Post N°23. N. 72° 15 E. two chains and thirty links from post N°22
Post N°24 N. 73° E. two chains and fifty three links from post N°23.
Post N°25 the same course two chains and forty links from post N°24
Post N°26. N. 71° E two chains and thirty six links from post N° 25
Post N°27. N 77° 30' E two chains and forty Links from post N° 26
Post N°28 E. two chains from post N°27.
Post N°29. S. 79° 30' E. two chains and forty links from post from post N°28
Post N°30. S. 70° 30' E. two chains and fifty four links from post N°29.
Post N°31 S. 71° E crossing the road leading to Brigham Hill two chains and thirty five links from post N° 30.
Post N°32. S. 73° 15' E. two chains and thirty four links from post N° 31
Post N°33 S. 76° E two chains and nineteen links from post N° 32
Post N°34. S. 76° E. two chains and thirty six links from post N° 33
Post N°35. the same course two chains and fifty six links from post N°34.
Post N°36. the same course two chains and thirty nine links from post N°35
Post N°37. the same course two chains and forty links from post N° 36
Post N°38. S. 70° 45' E two chains and ten links from post N° 37.
Post N°39. S. 65° E. two chains and twenty links from post N° 38
Post N°40. S 57° 45' E two chains and thirty six links from post N° 39.
Post N°41 S. 60° 15' E. two chains and thirty six links from post N° 40
Post N°42. at corner of Mr Harrington's & Mrs Bailey's Land S 51° E. two chains and twenty Eight links from post N° 41
Post N°43. S. 60° 15' E crossing the road leading from Worcester to Grafton at the Junction and between said road and the road leading from Shrewsbury to Grafton. One chain and Eighty links from post N°42.
Post N°44 S. 11° 15' E. crossing the road two chains and forty one links from post N°43
Post N°45. S 3° 15 E. two chains and fifty One links from post N° 44
Post N°46 S. 4° 15' E two chains and twenty three links from post N° 45.
Post N°47. S. 9° W. two chains and fifty two links across the road from post N° 46

Post N°48. S.8°E. One Chain and Sixty two links from post N°47
Post N°49. S.8°E. One Chain and Sixty nine links from post. N°48-
Post N°50. S.10°45'E. two Chains and Seven links. from post N°49-
Post N°51. S.8°30'E. two chains and twenty nine links from post N°50-
Post N°52. S.15°30'E. One Chain and Seventy Seven links from post N° 51
Post N°53 S21°30'E two chains and Sixty two links from post N° 52
Post N°54. S.29°45'E. two Chains and Forty Seven links from post N° 53
Post N°55. S 33°15'E. two chains and thirty Seven Links from post N°54
Post N°56. S.30°15'E. two chains and thirty five links from post N° 55
Post N°57. the Same course. two Chains and twenty four links from post N° 56
Post N°58. S.35°E. two chains from post No. 57- Post N°59
the Same course two chains and Forty Eight links from post N°58
Post N°60. S36°E. two chains and thirty Seven links from post N° 59-
Post N°61. the Same course two chains and forty two links from post N° 60-
Post N°62. S.38°45'E. two chains and thirty links from post N° 61-
Post N°63 S.46°15'E. two chains and twenty four Links from post N° 62-
Post N°64. S52°E. crossing the road leading to Brigham Hill two chains and twenty four links from post N° 63-
Post N°65 S.68°15'E. crossing the River two chains and thirty links from post N°64
Post N°66. S.65°30'E across the road two chains and thirty Eight links from post N°65
Post N°67. S 53°45'E. two chains and twenty Seven Links from post N° 66
Post N°68. S 53°45'E two chains and twenty links. from post N°67-
Post N°69. S 50°30'E two chains and thirty One links from post N° 68
Post N°70. S 42°E. two chains and forty four links from post N° 69-
Post N°71. S. 35°45'E. two chains and twenty two links from post N°70-
Post N°72 S 34°35'E two chains and twenty five links from post N°71-
Post N°73 the Same Course two chains and nineteen links from post N° 72
Post N°74. the Same Course two chains and thirty One links from post N° 73
Post. N°75 S.15°15'E. two chains and forty four links from post N° 74
Post N°76. the Same course two chains and forty Six links from post N° 75-
Post N°77. S. 22°E. two chains and thirty three links from post N° 76
Post N°78. S 32°15'E two chains and thirty links from post No 77-
Post N°79. S. 38°45'E two chains and twenty Eight links across the road from Post N° 78
Post N°80. S. 54°30'E. two chains and twenty nine links from post N°79-
Post N°81 S 52°45'E. two chains and fifty links from post N° 80
Post N°82. S. 42°15'E. two chains and forty three links from post N° 81
Post N°83 S 42°30'E. two chains and Eighteen Links from post N° 82-

Post No 84 S. 39° E. two chains and twenty Eight links from post No 83
Post No 85. S. 38° 45 E. two chains and thirty nine links from post No 84
Post No 86 the same course. two chains and forty links from post No 85
Post No 87 the same course two chains and fifty two links from post No 86.
Post No 88. S. 50° E crossing the road two chains and thirty One links from post No 87
Post No 89. S 35° 45' E two chains and forty two links from post No 88
Post No 90 S. 30° 30' E. two chains and twenty two links from post No 89
Post No 91. S. 34° 15' E two chains and thirty two links from post No 90
Post No 92 Same course two chains and Seven links from post No 91
Post No 93 S. 10° 30. E. crossing the road leading to New England Village and at the Junction and between said road and the "River Road" so called One chain and ninety four links from post No 92. — Post No 94 S 22° 45' W. crossing the said river road. two chains and two links from post No 93.
Post No 95. S. 38° W. two chains and thirty Six links from post No 94
Post No 96. the same course. two chains and thirty Six links from post No 95
Post No 97. S. 36° W. two chains and thirty three links from post No 96
Post No 98. S. 34° 45' W One chain and ninety four links from post No 97.
Post No 99. S 46° 45' W. two chains and fifty Eight links from post No 98
Post No 100 the same course. two chains and fifty five links from post No 99
Post No 101. S. 15° W. crossing the road two chains and forty Six links from post No 100
Post No 102. S. 20° 45' W. two chains and fifty Eight links from post No 101
Post No 103. S. 22° W two chains and fifty two links from post No 102
Post No 104 S. 21° 45' W two chains and Sixty links from post No 103
Post No 105. S. 18° 30' W. crossing the road leading to Brigham Hill. two chains and forty five links from post No 114
Post No 106. S. 14° 15' W. two chains and fifty four links from post No 105
Post No 107. the same course. two chains and forty four links from post No 106
Post No 108. the same course two chains and fifty Six links from post No 107
Post No 109. the same course two chains and fifty two links from post No 108
Post No 110. the same course two chains and fifty two links from post No 109
Post No 111 the same course two chains and forty nine links from post No 100
Post No 112 the same course two chains and thirty three links from post No 111
Post No 113 S 21° W. across the road and crossing the road leading to Millbury two chains and Eighty two links from post No 112
Post No 114 S. 15° W. two chains and fifty links from post No 113
Post No 115 S. 0° 15' E two chains and Sixty One links. from post No 114

Post N°116. S. 6° 15' E two chains. and Sixty three Links from post N° 115
Post N°117. the Same course two chains and Seventy five links from post N°116
Post N°118. the Same course two chains and Sixty three links from post N° 117
Post N°119. S. 3° 15 W. two chains and forty nine links from post N° 118
Post N°120. South. two chains and Seventy One links from post N° 119
Post N°121. S. 1° 30' E. two chains and Sixty three links from post N° 120.
Post N°122. S. 19° E. crossing the road. two chains and Eight links from post N° 121
Post N°123 S. 5° 15' E crossing the road leading to Saunders Ville two chains and Sixty two Links from post N° 122.
Post N°124 the Same course two chains and Sixty four links from post N° 123
Post N°125 the Same course two chains and forty Six links from post N° 124
Post N°126. S. 16° 15' E. two chains and Sixty three links from post N° 125.
Post N°127. the Same course two chains and thirty four links from post N°126
Post N°128. S. 5° 30' E. two chains and Eighty links across the road from post N° 127
Post N°129. S. 31° E. crossing the road and at the Junction and between said road and the road leading to the Saunders Ville road two chains and Eighty links from post N° 128.
Post N°130 S. 64° 15' E. on the road leading to the Saunders Ville road two chains and forty Eight links from post N° 129.
Post N°131. the Same course at the Junction and between said road and the road leading to Farnums Ville two chains and forty four links from Post N° 130. — Post N°132. crossing and on the road leading to Farnums Ville N. 74° 15 E. two chains and twenty links from post N° 131.
Post N°133. N. 64° 30 E. two chains and fifty four links from post N°132.
Post N°134 N. 56° 15' E. two chains and Sixty links from post N° 133.
Post N°135 N. 57° E. two chains and fifty seven links from post N° 134
Post N°136. N. 26° 45 E. two chains and forty three links from post N° 135
Post N°137. N. 77° 10' E. two chains and forty two links from post N° 136
Post N°138. S. 73° 15 E. crossing the road. One chain and ninety two links from post N°13
Post N°139. S. 87° 15 E two chains and fifty two links from post N° 138
Post N°140. S. 84° E. two chains and Eleven links from post N° 139.
Post N°141. N. 77° 45 E. two chains and Sixty four links from post N° 140.
Post N°142 N. 74° 45 E two chains and Sixty Eight links from post N° 141.
Post N°143 N. 69° 30 E. two chains and thirty Six links from post N° 142.
Post N°144. at the Junction and between said road and the road leading to Upton N. 60° 50' E two chains and ten links from post N° 143.

Post No 145 on the road leading to Upton S 64° 45' E. two chains and Sixty four links from post No 144. Post No 146 S 65° E. two chains and twenty Six links from post No 145

Post No 147, S. 68° E. two chains and thirty Six links from post No 146

Post No 148 S. 69° E two chains and twenty links from post No 147

Post No 149, S. 69° 45' E two chains and Eleven links from post No 148

Post No 150. the Same course crossing the road leading to Georg Hill two chains and One link from post No 149—

Post No 151. S 69° 30' E. two chains and Eleven links from post No 150

Post No 152 S. 60° 15' E crossing the road two chains and twenty Six links from post No 151

Post No 153 S 28° 15 E two chains and twenty two links from post No 152

Post No 154 S. 26° 45' E. two chains and forty nine links from post — 153

Post No 155 S. 23° 15' E. two chains and Sixty One links from post No 154

Post No 156. S. 25° 15' E two chains and thirty links from post No 155

Post No 157, the Same Course two chains and twenty Seven links from post No 156. Post No 158. S. 24° 45' E two chains and fifty One links from post No 157—

Post No 159, S 18° E crossing the road two chains and twenty nine links from post No 158.— Post No 160. S. 44° 15' E. two chains and five links from post No 159—

Post No 161. S. 53° 30' E. two chains and thirty three links from post No 160

Post No 162 S. 60° 45' E two chains and thirty Eight links from post No 161

Post No 163 the Same course two chains and thirty five links from post No 162

Post No 164 the Same course two chains and twenty Seven links from post No 163

Post No 165 the Same course two chains and thirty One Links from post No 164

Post No 166 the Same course One chain and ninety nine links from post No 165

Post No 167 S 60° 15 E. two chains and thirty Six links from post No 166.

Post No 168. S. 63° 30' E. two chains and Eighty five links from post No 167

Post No 169. S. 62° E. at the Junction and between Said road and the road leading to Keith Hill two chains and Eighty Eight links from post No 168

Post No 170. N. 3° 15 E. crossing the road two chains and Eighty two links from post No 169

Post No 171 N 83° 45' E. two chains and Sixty four links from post No 170—

Post No 172. N 84° 15' E. two chains and Sixty two links from post No 171—

Post No 173. the Same course two chains and Sixty links from post No 172

Post No 174 S. 78° E. crossing a road leading to Georg Hill two chains and twenty nine links from post No 173—

Post No 175 S. 61° 15' E two chains and twenty links from post No 174

Post No 176. the Same course two chains and twenty Eight links from post No 175
Post No. 177. the Same course two chains and thirty two links from post No 176-
Post No 178 the Same course two chains and thirty Six links from post No 177-
Post No 179. the Same course two chains and Seventeen links from post No 178
Post No 180. the Same course two chains and twenty four links from post No 179
Post No 181 the Same course two chains and four links from post No 180
Post No 182. the Same course two chains and thirty three links from post No 181
Post No 183 S. 39° 45' E. two chains and thirteen links from post No 182.
Post No 184 S. 11° E. two chains and fifty three links from post No 183
Post No 185 S. 22° E two chains and fifty Eight links from post " Post No 184
Post No 186. S 40° 15' E. two chains and thirty nine links from post No 185-
Post No 187. S. 40° E. two chains and fifty One links from post No 186
Post No 188. S. 29° 45' E crossing the road. two chains and thirty Eight links from post No 187
Post No 189. S. 40° 45' E two chains and forty four links from post No 188
Post. No 190. S. 39° 30. E. two chains and twenty Seven links from post No 189-
Post No 191. S 40° E. two chains and forty Eight links from post No 190-
Post No 192 S 43° E two chains and fifty two links from post No 191-
Post No 193. S. 47° E. two chains and forty Six links from post No 192-
Post No 194 S 43° 45' E. two chains and Sixteen links from post No 193-
Post No 195 S. 53° 15' E. two chains and thirty One links from post No 194-
Post No 196. S. 60° 45' E. two chains and Seven links from post No 195-
Post No 197. S. 59° E. two chains and forty three links from post No 196-
Post No 198 S 52° 45' E. two chains and fourteen links from post No 197-
Post No 199 S 58° 45' E. crossing the road. two chains and thirty nine links from post No 198
Post No 200. S. 40° E. two chains and thirty links from post No 199-
Post No 201 S. 50° E. two chains and twenty nine links from post No 200.
Post No 202. S 62° 15' E. two chains and twenty Six links from post No 201
Post No 203 S. 64° 45' E. two chains and twenty three links from post No 202
Post No 204 the Same course two chains and twenty nine links from post No 203
Post No 205 the Same course two chains and thirty Six links from post No 204
Post No 206 the Same course two chains and twenty nine links from post No 205
Post No 207. S. 57° E. crossing the road two chains and fifty five links from post No 206
Post No 208. S. 62° 45' E. two chains and thirty One links from post No 207
Post No 209. S 55° 45' E. two chains and thirty Seven links from post No 208
Post No 210 S. 51° 30' E. two chains and forty Seven links from post No 209.
Post No 211 S. 53° 30' E. two chains and forty three links from post No 210
Post No 212 S. 51° 30' E two chains and thirty links from post No 211

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Post №213 S 51° E two chains and forty five links from post № 212-
Post № 214 S. 49° 15 E. two chains and Eleven links from post № 213
Post № 215 S. 62° 30' E crossing the road two chains and twenty seven links from post № 214
Post. № 216 S 42° E. crossing the road leading to Westboro two chains and thirty links from post. № 215.
Post № 217. S 57° E. two chains and Sixty four links from post № 216
Post № 218. S. 41° 15 E two chains and Eight links from post. № 217-
Post № 219 S 16° E. two chains and thirty links from post № 218
Post № 220. the same course two chains and Eleven links from post № 219-
Post № 221 the same course two chains and nine links from post № 220
Post № 222 S 17° 30' E. two chains and forty seven links from post № 221-
Post № 223. S. 31° 30' E. two chains and forty two links from post № 222
Post № 224. S. 31° E. two chains and forty four links from post № 223
Post № 225 S 27° 30 E. two chains and thirty two links from post № 224
Post № 226. S. 4° 30 E. two chains and fifteen links from post. № 225
Post № 227. On Land of T Leonard S. 16° 30 E One chain and sixty six links from post № 226
Post № 228. S. 34° 30' E. two chains and four links from post № 227-
Post № 229. S. 31° 45 E. One chain and ninety six links from post № 228-
Post № 230. S. 16° E. two chains and twenty two links from post № 229-
Post № 231. 11° E two chains and twelve links from post № 230
Post № 232. S. 54° 15 E two chains and twenty four links from post № 231
Post № 233. S 43° 30' E. two chains and Sixty One links from post № 232
Post № 233 is bearing N 76° E. across the road Sixty links from the Stone Monument between Upton and Grafton

All the foregoing places at which it is Specified that said posts are to be located, are now designated by Either a Stake Set in the ground or a post marked with numbers to corrispond with the numbers of the respective posts as above Specified —

Said telegraph are to be good Substantial Straight posts. at least twenty five feet in length well and firmly Set in the ground, and at least four inches in diameter at the Small End with the bark Off.

And the Wires are to run from post to post along Said line as near the top of Said posts as they may be placed with convenience, and in all cases where Said Wires may cross a public road or highway, the Same are to be at least

Sixteen feet above the highest part of the traveled way under the wires -

Witness Our hands this ninth day of December A.D. 1865

Wm F Slocumb
George F Slocomb
Geo K Nichols
S. E Stowe
S A Knowles -
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy received at 11h. 30m. A.M January 5th A.D 1866

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton February 6th A.D 1866

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held this Sixth day of February A.D 1866. James W White was appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures for the remainder of the term for which Nathan Hancock now Deceased was appointed, and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of that Office by William F. Slocumb Justice of the Peace.

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to Vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the fifth day of March next at nine Oclock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting

Art 2d To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the Year Ensuing—

Art 3d To hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon

Art 4th To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer and act thereon

Art 5th To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and act thereon

Art 6th To hear the Report of the Collector of Taxes and act thereon

Art 7th To hear the Report of the Engineers and act thereon

Art 8th To hear the Report of the General School Committee and act thereon—

Art 9th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery and act thereon

Art 10 To hear the Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery and act thereon—

Art 11th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year—

Art 12th To Raise Such Sum of Money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing Year and make Appropriations of the Same and act thereon

Art 13th To See what discount the Town will make to those persons who Shall Voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within Such periods of time as the Town Shall direct. And determine when all Taxes Shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and what rate of interest Shall be paid on Taxes remaining unpaid after that time, and fix the compensation of the Collector and act thereon

Art 14th To See what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the Dead the Ensuing Year and act thereon—

Art 15th To See what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the Year Ensuing and act thereon—

Art 16th To See if the Town will authorise the Prudential Committees in the Several School Districts to employ the School Teachers in their respective Districts or act thereon

Art 17th To See if the Town will accept of the list of Names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box or act thereon—

Art 18th To determine the place within the Town where the High School Shall be Kept the Ensuing Year.

Art 19th To See if the Town will cause One of the Church Bells in the centre of the Town to be rung at 12 Oclock M. and at 9 Oclock P M or act thereon—

Art 20th To See if the Town will abolish the School Districts in the Town or act thereon—

over

Art 21st To See if the Town will provide, Keep and maintain a Secure and convenient Lock up or place of Security in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 Chapter 216 of Acts of 1862 or act thereon

Art 22d To See if the Town will take any measures or adopt any By Laws for the further improvement and Ornamenting of the Common in the centre of the Town, and for the better preservation of the Trees Shrubbery, Fences, Walks, Grasses, and Flowers, which are or may be planted, Standing, growing or being upon said Common, or act thereon —

Art 23d To See if the Town will build or cause to be built a new Tomb at or near the Riverside Cemetery or act thereon.

Art 24th To See if the Town will Erect a Monument in memory of their Soldiers who have died in the Service of our Country in the late war and make appropriation for the Same —

Art 25th To See if the Town will make an appropriation for School District No 2 to defray the Expenses of their Winter School the past Winter or act thereon —

Art 26th To See if the Town will make any compensation to those persons who provide and maintain suitable and convenient Watering Tubs or Troughs for the use and benefit of the Traveling public by the Sides of the Highways in said Town, or act thereon

Art 27th To See if the Town will accept an Act passed April 23 A.D. 1863 entitled an Act relating to the Sealing of Weights and Measures —

(up)

Art 28th To see what disposal the Town will make of the Taxes of 1861 and 1863 now remaining uncollected in the hands of the Collectors for those Years-

Art 29th To hear the Report of any Outstanding Committee and act thereon-

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town-Clerk at the Time and place of Meeting as aforesaid-

Given under Our hands this twentieth day of February in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Six.

Wm F Slocum
Geo F Slocomb
Geo K Nichols
S E Stowe
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss March 5th A D 1866

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting as therein directed-

S Davis Hall Constable of Grafton

A True Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton March 5th AD 1866

At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafto qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs. held in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fifth day of March A D 1866 pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the following proceedings were had. viz- The meeting was called to Order by James W White Town Clerk. the Warrant was read and then by Ballot chose S Davis Hall Moderator. the voting or Check list being used in his Election-

Prayer by Rev M Bisco

On Motion of Seth J Axtell it was voted that the votes for Town Clerk. five Selectmen. Three Overseers of the Poor. three Assessors. One General School Committee. Treasurer. One Trustee of Riverside Cemetery. One Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery and Six Constables to be brought in on One Ballot-

The votes having been given in Sorted and Counted were as follows- viz-

Whole number of votes for Town Clerk was One hundred and Six 106

John W Bigelow had two votes 2

James W White had One hundred and four votes 104 and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by S Davis Hall Moderator in Open town meting-

The Whole Number of votes for Selectmen was One hundred and Seven 107

William F Slocum had One hundred & two votes 102

George K Nichols had One hundred and Seven votes 107

Silas E Howe had One hundred and five votes 105

S A Knowles had One hundred and five votes 105

C W Stratton had One hundred and Six votes 106

and they were Elected - Wm F Slocum George K Nichols and C W Stratton were duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office by

Atst

S Davis Hall Moderator in Open town meeting

Henry F Wing J W Plaisted. S W Eaton. J G Putnam W L Munyan. and J H Wood. had Each One Vote for Selectmen—

The Whole number of Votes for Overseers of the Poor was One hundred and Six 106

E P Dennis had One hundred and Six Votes 106
S P Champney had One hundred and Six Votes 106
Lewis H Bigelow had One hundred and five Votes 105
and they were Elected. And E P Dennis and Lewis H Bigelow were on the same day duly sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office by James W White Town Clerk

The whole number of Votes for Assessors was One hundred and Seven. 107

Gilbert C Taft had One hundred and Seven Votes 107
S Davis Hall had One hundred and five Votes 105
Wm T Barker had One hundred and Seven Votes 107
and they were Elected
F M Wood had One Vote for Assessor— 1

The whole number of Votes for School Committee was One hundred and Seven 107

Rev Gilbert Robbins had One hundred and Seven Votes. and was Elected. Unanimously— 107

The whole number of Votes for Treasurer was One hundred and Seven 107
George F Slocomb had One Vote 1
Rufus E Warren had One hundred and Six Votes and was Elected and on the same day was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk 106

The whole number of Votes for Trustee of Riverside Cemetery was One hundred and Seven 107
Elek Saunders had One hundred and Seven Votes 107
and was Unanimously Elected

The whole number of Votes for Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery was One hundred and Three 103
R D Chase had One hundred and Three Votes 103
and was Unanimously Elected —

The whole number of Votes for Constables was
One hundred and Seven. 107

I Davis Hall had One hundred and Four Votes 104
and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful
discharge of the duties of his Office March 5th 1866 by
James W White Town Clk

F M Marble had One hundred and five Votes 105
and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful
discharge of the duties of his Office March 5th A D 1866
by James W White Town Clerk

Walter Forehand had One hundred and Six Votes 106
and was Elected

R, D, Chase had One hundred and Three Votes 103
and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful
discharge of the duties of his Office March 5th A D 1866
by James W White Town Clerk

James A Morse had One hundred and Seven Votes 107
and was Elected

Summed Packard had One hundred and Six Votes 106
and was Elected - and was duly Sworn to the faithful
discharge of the duties of his Office March 9th A D 1866
by James W White Town Clerk

W L Munyan and J F Sears had each One Vote
for Constable.

Took up the third article in the warrant - The Selectmens
Report having been printed and amended by printed
"Errata" who presented and accepted as printed and
amended - as follows - viz -

Report of the Selectmen -

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton:

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the close
of their Official duties for the Year Ending March 5th
1866. Submit the following report of the condition of the town -
They have Settled with George F Slocomb Treasurer
of said town and find his Account Correct and as follows -

Dr

1865				
April 5	Cash Recvd	of	Joseph Adams	1400 00
" "	"	"	Joseph B Adams	500 00
" 14	"	"	J W Slocomb Sons	2100 00
" 24	"	"	Interest on 5-20 Bond	30 00
" "	"	"	Gold premium on same	13 20
" 26	"	"	for Old plank & Spikes	3 35
May 6	"	"	J Warren Landers	1100 00
" 29	"	"	First National Bank Grafton	1936 40
June 2	"	"	E B Bigelow Collector for 1864	350 00
" 7	"	"	J M Day Provost Marshall	375 00
" 14	"	"	A Morse Highway Money of 1864	42 28
" 23	"	"	E Fisher Son for plank	11 88
" 30	"	"	First National Bank	1462 20
" "	"	"	" " "	487 40
July 11	"	"	State Treasurer School fund	214 02
" 25	"	"	First National Bank	1169 70

Sept	2	Cash received of E B Bigelow Collector for 1865			300 00
"	12	" " " " " " "			400 00
"	23	" " " " " " "			800 00
Oct	3	" " " " " " "			500 00
"	7	" " " " " " "			400 00
"	17	" " " " " " "			600 00
"	23	" " " " " " "			500 00
"	25	" " " " " " "			1000 00
"	28	" " " " " " "			1500 00
"	30	" " " " " " "			1400 00
"	"	" " " " " " "			3800 00
"	31	" " " " " " "			4500 00
Nov	2	" " " " " " "			3000 00
"	3	" " " " " " "			1500 00
"	4	" " " " " " "			2000 00
"	14	" " " " " " "			4500 00
"	24	" " " " " " "			3000 00
Dec	4	" " " " " " "			500 00
"	9	" " State Treasurer State Tax	1864		8300 00
"	"	" " " " "	1863		276 04
"	"	" " " Corporation Tax			1694
"	30	" " E B Bigelow Collector	1865		500 00
"	"	" " Interest on 5-20 Bonds			30 00
"	"	" " Gold premium on Same			13 20
1866 Feb	1	" " E B Bigelow Collector for	1865		500 00
"	8	" " State Treasurer Corporation Tax			1384 09
"	19	" " School District No 1 & 7 for assessing Tax			13 65
"	"	" " B Newton Collector for	1862		8 34
"	22	" " E B Bigelow Collector for	'65		783 63
"	"	" " " " "	1864		60 52
"	"	" " " " Interest on Taxes Since Nov 1			32 29
"	"	" " James W White for use of Town Hall			144 00
"	"	" " J Dinsmore Collector for	1863		31 91
"	"	" " Interest on Taxes for	1863		3 91
		Total Receipts			51,246 55

Paid	S Davis Hall	School District	No 1	817 67	
"	H M Pollard	"	" 2	141 42	
"	S E Stowe	"	" 3	157 42	
"	H A Wesson	"	" 4	193 42	
"	E P Dennis	"	" 5	173 42	
"	Alfred Morse	"	" 6	406 84	
"	Otis Frissell	"	" 7	177 42	
"	Joseph Merriam Jr	"	" 8	170 42	
"	L H Bigelow	"	" 9	689 25	
"	L. C. Lincoln	"	" 10	218 42	
"	E B Knowlton	"	" 11	204 42	3350 12
Paid	H L Read Teacher of High School			1000 00	
"	Ellen L Biscoe Assistant do			81 00	
"	Rent of School Room			135 00	
"	Care of School Room			51 55	
"	Coal for High School			75 43	
"	Repairing Stove for High School			16 95	1359 93
Paid	Rev Wm Miller. Services as School Committee			60 00	
"	" Gilbert Robbins " " "			55 00	
"	" I C Biscoe " " "			50 00	165 00
"	George F Slocomb Chief Engineer for Fire Department				1450 00
"	State Lunatic Hospital for Support of Susan L Whitcomb				41 76
"	State Reform School for Support of Edward Smith				14 50
"	G C Taft Services as Assessor		1865	70 50	
"	S Davis Hall " "		"	50 00	
"	Books & Stationary for Same			28 98	129 48
"	Printing Reports, Warrants, &c.				142 43
"	James W White for Collecting and Recording Births Marriages & Deaths. Valuation and Extra Writing			170 18	
"	James W White for Paying State Aid			50 00	220 18

Paid	State Aid to Soldiers families			4133 52
"	Aid to Mrs R. C. Burns and family			50 00
"	Town Bounties			225 00
"	J Frank Searle for Recruiting in 1864			30 00
"	James Carney for Care of Town Hall			50 00
"	Refunded to Subscribers to Volunteer Fund			3905 00
"	Services of Selectmen for 1864-5			233 55
"	J W White for Fuel & Light for Hall & Office			121 99
"	Ringing Bell & repairing the same			51 92
"	Davis Hall for Posting Warrants and notifying Town Officers			24 00
"	N G Whitney Services as Sexton	9 30		
"	Charles Daniels	44 20		
"	J W Plaisted	84 20		
"	S A Knox	61 00		
"	Josiah Hall	15 60	214 30	
F	Repairs on Highways			1539 76
"	Overseers of the Poor			745 10
"	Calvin Closby for building Hearse House			591 08
"	Harness for Hearse & Tools for Sexton at Centre			88 49
"	Cover for Hearse at Centre			9 73
"	Repairing Hearse and Harness at N.C. Village			20 60
"	Repairing Fence and Tomb at Pine Grove Cemetery			219 42
"	C Fisher Son for building Bridge at Fishersville			250 00
"	For repairing Bridges			175 65
"	B Newton for Collecting Taxes 1862	2 57		
"	E B Bigelow " " " 1864-5	224 75	227 26	
"	Saunders Cotton Mills for Erecting Monuments			5 00
"	James W White for Paid Attorneys Services in the prosecution of Liquor Dealers &c			40 00
	Total Amt of Selectmens Orders			1982 47
"	Int on Town Bonds and Notes			2029 71
"	Town Notes			1670 00
"	Assessors Orders			70 45
"	State Tax			9353 00
	County Tax			1906 99

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Paid	Rent of Town Hall	500	00
"	Treasurer for 1864 for Money Ordinance	138	32
"	Insurance on Hearse House. Hearse and Harness	17	00
"	C C Wills Highway money for 1864	42	28
"	Revenue Stamps-	4	25
	Total Amt Paid	50,587	33
	Balance in hands of Treasurer	659	22
		$51,246	55

Resources of the Town

Uncollected Taxes for	1861	587	10
" " "	1863	388	61
" " "	1864	316	54
" " "	1865	1114	78
United States 5-20 Bonds		1000	00
Town Farm and Buildings		6000	00
Personal Property on Farm		3750	97
3 Fire Engines and Fixtures		3500	00
3 Engine Houses Hook & Ladder House and Land		2350	00
Hook & Ladder Carriage and Apparatus		425	00
New Hearse House Hearse and Harness		1000	00
Furniture & Fixtures in Hall & Office		475	00
Due from the Town of Douglas		10	00
Due from State for State Aid to Jany 1st 1866		5619	47
" " " " " " for Jany & Feb 1866		52	85
Money in Hands of Engineers		27	69
" " " of C A Pierce Book Agent		73	66
Books " " " " "		28	48
Money in Treasury		659	22
Total Amount of Resources		$27,408	47

Liabilities of the Town

Town Bonds	22,000	00
Interest on Same	198	61
Two Notes to Joseph Adams	2400	00
Interest on Same	26	00
Note to Mechanics Savings Bank	2000	00
Interest on Same	28	84
Due J D Wheeler for completing Downingville Road	57	25
Total Amt of Liabilities	26710	70
Amt of Assets over Liabilities	697	77

Statment of Amount of Aid rendered to the families of Massachusetts Volunteers Enlisted as belonging to the Town of Grafton with the amount to be reimbursed by the State and the amount Overpaid from March 1st 1865 to March 1st 1866.

Name of Volunteer	Amt Paid		Amt to be Reimbursed		Overpaid
Curtis Eady	14	00	14	00	
James Howarth	36	00	36	00	
Joseph Bonner	26	00	26	00	
John Shaw	30	00	30	00	
James D Whitney	38	84	38	84	
R A Leland	52	00	52	00	
James White	26	00	26	00	
Augustus E Davis	18	00	18	00	
Hugh Jamison	44	00	44	00	
Luther W Whitney	72	00	72	00	
J Frank Sears	52	00	52	00	
Charles E Howe	78	00	78	00	
Thomas D Allen	40	00	40	00	
Bernard Malone	154	40	154	40	
Richard Johnson	40	00	40	00	
John Doran	112	00	112	00	
Alfred Howe	87	43	87	43	
George A Mackey	26	00	26	00	
Loren S Clark	42	40	42	40	
John F Mitchell	21	00	21	00	
Henry A Frissell	34	00	34	00	
Patrick Kelly	31	42	31	42	
Thomas C Bryant	31	42	31	42	
Orin T Stacy	26	00	26	00	
Franklin Whitney	62	00	62	00	
John Keyes	39	20	39	20	
Abel H Balcom	50	00	50	00	
Timothy Sullivan	15	71	15	71	
Silas W Smith	39	20	39	20	
Caleb W Thulin	18	00	18	00	
Joseph Burton	26	00	26	00	

George H French	48 00	48 00
Cheney Lathe	48 00	48 00
Edward F Chamberlin	36 00	36 00
Luke G Pratt	36 00	36 00
James Gleason	48 00	48 00
George C N Webster	18 00	18 00
John H Drury	26 00	26 00
William H Hammond	18 00	18 00
Donald A Campbell	100 85	100 85
Edward Bonner	73 20	73 20
Martin V Powers	44 00	44 00
Charles Putnam	18 00	18 00
Edwin A Howe	29 14	29 14
John C McCallan	44 00	44 00
Thomas H Brewer	54 00	54 00
Henry K Cady	48 00	48 00
Henry A Pickham	108 00	108 00
Martin T Hildreth	27 00	27 00
Edward Tirrell	48 00	48 00
Joel F Cobb	31 00	31 00
Marcus M Byron	48 00	48 00
Marcus R Bruce	36 00	36 00
Charles Claflin	10 00	10 00
William H Putnam 2d	36 00	36 00
James W Magrath	48 00	48 00
Thomas O Lucas	52 00	52 00
Stephen N Lougee Jr	52 00	52 00
Benjamin W Knight	19 71	19 71
Augustus J Leland	36 00	36 00
William S Fullerton	101 60	101 60
James Minehan	13 00	13 00
Moses Rivod	44 00	44 00
George W Walcott	39 00	39 00
Ora S Gibbs	108 00	108 00
Michael Hennessy	19 00	19 00
Charles Moyott	26 00	26 00
A B Hudson	44 00	44 00
Charles E Kimball	84 00	84 00

John W Cryan	44	00	44	00
Simon M Plaisted	18	00	18	00
Daniel Callahan	60	00	60	00
John Brophy	36	00	36	00
Azor B Wood	18	00	18	00
Ira J. Riggs	48	00	48	00
Henry Mann	48	00	48	00
Marcus D. Balcom	50	00	50	00
Alanson E. Burns	48	00	48	00
Darwin N Kelsey	36	00	36	00
Jonas H Chickering	48	00	48	00
Charles W Milroy	44	00	44	00
William S Wood	48	00	48	00
John E Prentice	18	00	18	00
Everett Davis	36	00	36	00
James B Stratton	36	00	36	00
Job D Ballou	18	00	18	00
James Mellon	48	00	48	00
Geo A Bartlett	18	00	18	00
William H Gilson	31	00	31	00
Nathaniel P Rumick	48	00	48	00
Jonathan E Nichols	48	00	48	00
Charles A White	36	00	36	00
Simon T Pierce	36	00	36	00
Ambrose Boynton	36	00	36	00
Watts & Davis	58	00	58	00
Thomas Young	18	00	18	00
	4133	52	4133	52

At the following named places Guide Boards are
erected and maintained within the town viz
At the corner of the roads near Warren Block. near
J D Rhodes near Silas Vinton's – near William
Wallace's near Edward Fahey's Barn – northerly of
the residence of Frederick Waterman – near the
Indian Burying-ground – near Farnumsville
School House – near the House of A Morse. – near
Jefferson Bellows. – near Farnumsville Depot – near
Charles Mc Namara's – near William Holbrook's. – near
H T. Eddy's – near Saunder's Store – near J McClellans
at the Corner of the Roads north East from Daniel Johnson's
near Charles Daniel's – at each of the corners northerly of
the Old burying ground – near Quinsigamond House
N E Village – near Widow H B Fairbanks – near the Dexter
Hathaway place – near House on the Town Farm
near Meeting House N. E. Village. near J W Putnams
northerly of the House of C Mc Vinson – near Waterville
School House – near Joseph Kimballs at two places
between the last named places – near Widow H F
Bratts – near Capt. Benj Aldrich's – near Henry Wesson's
On the Barn of B W Fay – near L N Lelands – Westerly
of George Dunn's – near John O Kief's near Joseph
Bruce's –

All of Which is Respectfully

Wm F Slocum
Geo F Slocomb
Geo K Nichols
S E Stowe
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton March 5th 1866

A True Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Took up the fourth article in the warrant, The Town Treasurers Report having ban printed and amended was accepted as follows to wit -

Treasurers Report

Town of Grafton in account with Geo F Slocomb - Treasurer

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1865					
April	5	By Cash Recievd of	Joseph Adams	1400	00
"	"	" " "	Joseph B Adams	500	00
"	14	" " "	J W Slocomb & Sons	2100	00
"	24	" "	interest on 5-20 Bond	30	00
"	"	" " "	Gold premium on Same	13	20
"	26	" " "	for Old plank and Spikes	3	35
May	6	" " "	J. Warren Landers	1100	00
"	29	" " "	P Nat Bank Grafton	1936	40
June	2	" " "	E B Bigelow Collector for 1864	350	00
"	7	" " "	J M Day Provost Marshall	3	500
"	14	" " "	A Morse Highway Money for 1864	42	28
"	23	" " "	E Fisher & Son for Plank	11	88
"	30	" " "	First National Bank	1462	20
"	"	" " "	" " "	48	40
July	11	" " "	State Treasurer School Fund	214	02
"	25	" " "	First National Bank	1469	70
Sept	2	" " "	E B Bigelow Collector for 1865	300	00
"	12	" " "	" " "	400	00
"	23	" " "	" " "	800	00
Oct	3	" " "	" " "	500	00
"	7	" " "	" " "	400	00
"	17	" " "	" " "	600	00
"	23	" " "	" " "	500	00
"	25	" " "	" " "	1000	00
"	28	" " "	" " "	1500	00
"	30	" " "	" " "	1400	00
"	"	" " "	" " "	3800	00
"	31	" " "	" " "	4500	00
Nov	2	" " "	" " "	3000	00
"	3	" " "	" " "	1500	00
"	4	" " "	" " "	2000	00
"	14	" " "	" " "	4500	00

Nov	24	By Cash received of E B Bigelow Collector for 1865		300 00
Dec	4	" " " " " " " "		500 00
"	9	" " " State Treasurer State Aid	1864	8300 00
"	"	" " " " " " " "	1863	276 04
"	"	" " " " Corporation Tax		169 47
"	30	" " " E B Bigelow Collector for	1865	500 00
"	"	" " " Interest on 5-20 Bond		30 00
"	"	" " " Gold Premium on Same		13 20
1866 Feb	1	" " " E B Bigelow Collector for	1865	500 00
"	8	" " " State Treasurer Corporation Tax		1884 09
"	19	" " " B Newton Collector for	1862	8 34
"	"	" " " School Districts No 1 & 7 Assessing Tax		13 65
"	22	" " " E B Bigelow Collector for	1865	7863
"	"	" " " " " " "	1864	60 52
"	"	" " " Interest on Taxes since Nov 1st	1865	32 29
"	"	" " " P J James W White for use of Town Hall		144 00
"	"	" " " P J Dinsmore Collector for	1863	31 78
"	"	" " " Interest on Taxes of for	1863	3 91
		Total Receipts		51246 55

1865

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April	5	To Cash paid interest to Joseph B Adams		40 00
"	"	" " " Town Treasurer for	1864	138 32
"	10	" " " interest Wor Co Inst for Savings		96 00
July	1	" " " Interest to Mechanics Savings Bank		220 00
"	"	" " " " to Wor Co Inst for Savings		45 33
"	"	" " " " On Town Bonds		550 00
"	3	" " " rent to Jonathan Warren		250 00
"	7	" " " C C Wellis Highway money for	1864	42 28
Sept	8	" " " interest to Joseph Adams		60 00
Oct	16	" " " " " " "		42 00
Nov	2	" " " Note to First National Bank		1500 00
"	4	" " " " " " " "		4000 00
"	4	" " " Assessors Order to Duncan Turner		9 00
"	"	" " " " " " C N Holden		3 60
"	"	" " " " " " Lunard Brown		2 00
"	"	" " " " " " Adolphus Howe		2 00
"	8	" " " One half County Tax		953 50

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Nov	10	To Cash Paid Warren Landers	1100	00
"	"	" " " Interest on Same	33	73
"	"	" " " Note to Wor Co Inst for Savings	3200	00
"	"	" " " Interest on Same	66	13
"	11	" " " Two Notes to Joseph B Adams	1300	00
"	"	" " " Interest on Same	46	80
"	"	" " " Note to J W Slocomb & Sons	2100	00
"	"	" " " Interest on Same	72	45
"	27	" " " Assessors Order to Luke G Pratt	2	00
"	"	" " " Augustus Roods (on Assessors Order)	2	00
"	"	" " " Assessors Order to Edwin Harnes	6	75
"	"	" " " " " " Henry A Wesson	11	70
"	"	" " " " " " Mary Holbrook	9	00
"	"	" " " " " " Charles Putnam	2	00
"	"	" " " " " " Joshua Downing	2	00
"	"	" " " " " " Stephen Thayer	7	20
"	"	" " " " " " Lorenzo E Thurman	2	00
"	"	" " " " " " Mrs Noah Fletcher	5	40
Dec	9	" " " State Tax	9353	00
"	22	" " " Interest On Town Bonds	530	00
"	22	" " " Interest to Mechanics Savings Bank	165	00
"	"	" " " One Half County Tax	953	49
1866 Jan	1	" " " Rent to Jon^{a} Warren	250	00
"	"	" " " Mech Savings Bank	2500	00
"	15	" " " Insurance on Hearse House Hearse & Harness	17	01
"	17	" " " Interest to Joseph Adams	42	33
Feb	1	" " " Assessors Order to Joel F Cobb	2	00
"	"	" " " " " " James McManis	1	80
"	"	" " " Mechanics Savings Bank	1000	00
"	"	" " " Revenue Stamps	4	75
"	"	" " " Selectmens Orders	19.824	77
		Total Cash Paid	30.587	33
		Cash On Hand	657	22
			31.246	55

All of which is respectfully submitted
George F Slocomb Treasurer

Grafton March 5th 1866
A True Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Took up the fifth Article in the Warrant.

The Report of the Overseers of the Poor having been prepared and printed was accepted as printed. as follows viz -

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Grafton respectfully Submit to the inhabitants of Said town their Annual Report for the Year Ending March 1st 1866 as follows viz -

Amount of Personal Property on hand March 1st 1865 as per Inventory	$3092.37	
Intrest On Real Estate	360,00	
Agents Salary	350.00	
Expenses on Farm for Stock	781,50	
" for Labor Exclusive of Agents Salary	536.66	
" On Farm for boarding Clothing Medical attendance. Fertilizers & All contingent Expenses for House and Farm -	1127.08	
Services of Overseers	60,00	
Stationary. Postage Stamps &.	3 00	$6330.61
Amt of Personal Property On hand March 1st 1866 as per Inventory	$3780.07	
Amt of Produce and Stock Sold	1565,03	
Amt of Wood and Timber Sold	1117,90 -	6463 00
Leaving a Surplus above Supporting the Poor the past Year at the Farm		$132.39

Whole Number Supported on the Farm the past Year 111.
Whole Number of Weeks 161

Cost of Supporting Paupers Off the Farm the past Year as follows

Paid for Coffin E A Jacobs		$4,85
" " Coffin & Shroud for Peter St George		5,25
" " Support of Mrs Noah Goodrich		6,35
" " " " George T Clark		56,62
" " " " Mrs Nancy Knights		7.00
" " " " Traveling Poor		12,30
" " " " Susan L Wheelock		21,96
" " " " Deborah Warren		4600
" " " " Nancy Batchelder.		14,75
" " " " Anthony Richards		7.94
" " " " Hannah Johnson		6,25

Paid for Support of	Charles M Sherman	$52.00
" " " "	Horace Day and family	5.50
" "	Wood and Cutting for Sally and Abbe Phillips	12.25
"	Expenses of Matilda Lord to Monson	1.85
"	for Support of Mrs. Hugh Sweeny	5.00
" " " "	Elva M Robbins	10.00
" " " "	Mrs Redman	15.70
" " " "	Mrs. Susan E Smith	16.13
"	Expenses of Frederick Grafton to Monson	10.50
"	for Support of Mrs R.C. Burns	57.00
" " " "	Peter Shurburt	13.02
"	Expenses. of E.P. Dennis to Worcester	1.30
" " " " "	to Charlestown	2.00 — 175.52
Due from the Town of Douglass		10.00
Surplus for. Supporting Poor on Farm		132.39 - 142.39
Total Expense of Supporting Poor the Past Year		333.13
Valuation of Town Farm		6000.00
" Personal Property as per Schedule		3780.07
		$9780.07

Inmates of the Alms House -

The number of persons who have been inmates of the Almshouse during the year is 10 Six have been discharged One is temporarily absent. The present number is three We have re-engaged the Services of Mr and Mrs Warren Sanders. to Superintend. the Almshouse and Farm for the Ensuing Year at a Salary of five hundred dollars ($500.00) they are to furnish all the help in the House at their own Expense -

There is Cut and corded Seventy five Cords of Wood and Over Sixty Saw logs drawn to the Mill. the labor for which is paid -

The Overseers think they would be doing themselves injustice did they not Say they were Obliged to Expend an Unusually large Amount of Money from the fact that for the past three or four Years there has been as little as possible purchased. Waiting for lower prices consequently we found the clothing of the

Paupers, bedding and Household furniture in such a condition as to require largely replenishing immediately—

We have also as will be seen by the inventory increased the Value of the Stock and Tools, and added (as we think) considerable to the Value and productiveness of the Farm

All of which is Respectfully Submitted—

I R White
E P Dennis
I P Champney
} Overseers of the Poor

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Sixth Article in the Warant—

The Collectors Report having been prepared and printed and Amended by printed "Ersata" was accepted as follows— to wit.

"The Amount of Taxes committed by the Assessors of the Town of Grafton to Edward B Bigelow. Collector for 1865 is as follows—

1865. July 1	Town	Grant	$15,000.00
	Do	Do	4000—
	State	Tax	1,353—
	County	Tax	1906,99
	Overlayings		136,42
1 Poll Tax Assessed after Bill Committed			2.00
	Total	Tax	$30,398 41

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1865 Sept	2	Paid Treasurer		300 00
"	12	"	"	400 "
"	23	"	"	800 "
Oct	3	"	"	500 "
"	7	"	"	400 "
"	17	"	"	600 "
"	23	"	"	500 "
"	25	"	"	1000 "
"	28	"	"	1500 "
"	30	"	"	5200 "
"	31	"	"	4500 "
Nov	1	"	"	3000 "
"	3	"	"	1500 "
"	4	"	"	2000 "
"	14	"	"	4500 "
"	24	"	"	300 "
Dec	4	"	"	500 "
"	30	"	"	500 "
1866 Feb	1	"	"	500 "
"	22	"	"	783 63
		Interest On Taxes Since Nov 1st		32 29
		Leaving an Amount of Taxes Uncollected of against the following persons for the Amount Set against their respective names.		1114 78

Adams Amos F	2	00	Allen B. C.	10	10
Aldrich Ira C	2	00	Allen Newman C	2	00
Adams A H	2	00	Armstrong John	2	00
Brothers Patrick	2	00	Allen Thomas D	2	00
Buffum B W	2	00	Byron Marcus M Burnside William	20 2	00 00
Boigham L W	2	09	Bruce George G	2	00
Balcom A H	2	00	Burns Hanson C	2	00
Boyce John	3	44	Balcom Willard D	2	00
Bernard Jerome	2	00	Bonner John	13	97
Bryant Thomas C	2	00	Brown Lewell A	2	00
Bowen Joshua	2	00	Burk Dennis	2	00
Ball Dexter D	2	00	Bruce Joseph & Son	116	86
Bates Richard	2	00	Bigelow Edward C	2	00
Brown William H	86	87	Biscoe T Dwight	2	00
Bosworth F A Dr.	3	80	Claflin Charles	2	00
Cannes Patrick	2	00	Collins Charles	2	18
Clark Edward L	2	00	Carpenter James	2	00
Corey Michael	2	00	Connors Michael	2	00
Curran Patrick	2	00	Cady Henry K	2	00
Cluthier Paul	2	00	Cluthier Mitchell	2	00
Clark O. C.	2	00	Clark Lorin L	2	00
Cooper Marcus	2	00	Darlin Horace C	2	00
Dupre Peter	2	00	Dupre Peter	2	00
Dolan John	2	00	Druly John H	2	00
Despeau Joseph D	2	00	Elliot Asher	2	00
Florence Daniel G	2	00	Fairbanks John	2	00
Fields Daniel	2	00	Fay Thomas	2	00
Flynn Andrew	2	00	Flagg Francis	2	00
Freman Charles	2	00	Forbush Joel	2	00
Fairbanks Daniel G	18	92	Falby Patrick	2	00
Flagg Samuel C. Exr	2	00	Flagg Summer	2	00
Fay H. S.	94	50	Fullerton William L	2	00
Goulding A M	2	00	Gates William L	2	00
Gafney Michael	2	00	Gifford George E	2	00
Gill John	2	00	Gale Thomas B	2	00
Gibbs Ora L.	2	00	Humes Benjamin D	2	00
Hill Prince	2	00	Hill John	2	00
Harrison Richard	2	00	Holbrook Henry	2	00

Hitchins John	8	30	Howe Joseph M	2	00
Harrison Wm H	2	00	Harrington James	2	00
Harrington Patrick	2	00	Huckins Francis E	2	00
Johnson Henry G	2	00	Jellison John H	2	00
Jarvis Peter	2	00	Jennings John	5	60
Jourdan Amasa	2	00	Kenedy Michael	2	00
Kempton Abram W	2	00	Kempton John S	35	84
Kendall John	2	00	Knapp William A	2	00
Kempton Ellen E Mrs	9	00	Kempton Russel S.	2	00
Larabe Fabre	2	00	Leonard J J	2	00
Laduke Albert	2	00	Legassy John	2	00
Legassy Augustus	2	00	Lord William	2	00
Legate C. J.	2	00	Lesure Sarah Mrs	28	80
Leesmith J	2	00	Lincoln Levi K	2	00
Leland John W	2	00	Lathe Cheney	2	00
Moore Thomas	2	00	Mason Augustus	2	00
Margerum F. C.	2	00	Moore Joseph	2	00
Montevill Antoine	2	00	Morse Warren K	2	00
McShannon Mark	2	00	McHenry Jerry	2	00
Mason Henry	2	00	Maloney Joseph	2	00
McCullis John	2	00	Maytaugh Thomas	2	00
Monroe George A	2	00	Nichols Benjamin	2	00
Newton F. L.	2	00	Newhall Charles L.	2	00
Norton William	2	00	New England Jewelry Co	9	00
Oliver Lewis	2	00	Ostle Francis	2	00
Pierce John	2	00	Putnam John Estate of	54	00
Palmer William G	2	00	Palmer Levi	2	00
Pike Albert W	2	00	Pratt Charles T	2	00
Pratt Luke C	2	00	Pratt George B	2	00
Patterson Henry	2	00	Patterson John	2	00
Pogue John	17	00	Pratt James N	2	00
Pratt Richard K	2	00	Peckham Henry A	2	00
Rockwood Rev J M	2	00	Robinson Frederick B	2	00
Ripley William	2	00	Roebuck Abram	2	00
Robbins William E	2	72	Riley James	2	00
Rourke Patrick	2	00	Richards Anthony	2	00
Rivers Andrew	2	00	Robinson Joshua	9	20
Sherman A. L.	2	00	St George Peter	2	00

Simons Joseph	2	00	Stratton Joseph F	2	00
Scarlet William	2	00	Shurburt Peter	11	90
Shepard George B	2	00	Stockwell Leander Dist 9	2	00
Snow Charles. 2.	2	00	Snow Asahel F	2	00
Smith A. A.	2	00	Sturs Charles	2	00
Sheehan Thomas	2	00	Sheehan Francis	2	00
Smith Henry H	2	00	Sweeney Hugh	2	00
Sullivan Patrick	11	00	Stow John F	4	97
Smith Richard E	2	00	Smith Silas W	2	00
Slynd Dennis	2	00	Stow Margaret L	15	23
Taft Emory A	2	00	Thayer William W	2	00
Turner Call C	2	00	Tebo Charles	2	00
Thayer Anderson	2	00	Till Alexander	2	00
Trainer Bartley	2	00	Tebo Lewis	2	00
Umfleet Elisha	2	00	Umfleet Alexander	2	00
Whitney Nathaniel G	2	90	Whitney George F	2	00
Whitney Charles R	2	00	Whitney Luther W	2	00
Wingate D B	46	10	Weir James R	2	00
Wesson Hale	2	00	Whitham Thomas	2	00
Vinson C. M.	64	05	Young Hugh	2	00

Non Residents

Barry Edward Mrs. Uxbridge		90	Card Patrick Upton	1	80
Cooper Abner Heirs of Northbridge	2	25	Congdon Joshua Indiana	23	40
Eames Dennis	1	80	Howe William Jr Millbury	7	20
Lallie Frank & John Upton	1	44	Munson Norman. Shirley	19	35
Richardson Live Shrewsbury	10	80	Rawson Widow Upton	3	60
Smith John Colerain	8	55	Wesson Calvin A Nashua NH	1	35
				$ 114	78

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

E B Bigelow Collector

Grafton March 5th 1866

A True Copy

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Seventh Article in the Warrant
The Chief Engeneers Report having been Printed was
accepted as follows— to wit

Town of Grafton in account with Geo F Slocomb
Chief Engineer for Expenditures of the Fire Department
for the Year Ending March 5th 1866

Cr

By Cash on hand at last report	$2,85
" " Recvd on Selectmens Orders	1450 00
	$ 1452.85

Dr

Rescue Engine Co No 1

Paid Services of 46 men for Year Ending May 1st 1865	207 00
" Care of Engine and Apparatus 1 Year	10,00
" Graton & Knights Bill	369.67
" Noah Fletchers Bill	17 87
" B Newtons Bill	1,00
	$ 605 54

Emperor Engine Co No 2

Paid for Services of 53 men for Year Ending May 1st 1865	224,50
" Care of Engine and Apparatus one Year	10,00
" Graton & Knights Bill	193,83
" R D Chasis Bill	4 00
" G H Mansfields Bill	1 83
" L H Bigelows Bill 75. Oil 5,25	6 00
	$ 440,16

Blackstone Engine Co No 3

Paid for Services of 27 men for Year Ending May 1st 1865	$ 169,00
" Care of Engine and Apparatus 1 Year	10 00
	$ 179,00

Hook and Ladder Co

Paid for Services of 27 men for Year Ending May 1st 65	$ 135,00
" " Care of Carriage and Apparatus	3,00
Noah Fletchers Bill	21 65
Harrington & Nichols Bill	60
Watchmen	$ 162,75

Paid George H Mansfields	Bill	$ 12,75
" Harrington & Nichols	Bill	13 96
" Nathan Hancock's	Bill	2 00
" Watchmen		9 00
		37,71

Amount of Cash Recvd	$ 1132,85
Amount of Cash Paid Out	1125 16
Balance on Hand	$ 27,69

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted

George F Slocomb Chief Engineer

Grafton March 5th 1866

A True Copy

Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Report of C A Pierce – Book Agent

Book Account

Cr By Books Sold from Feb 16th '65 to Feb 16th '66		$ 218,28
" Books given to Poor Children		7,78
" Books on hand		28 48
		254,54

Dr To Books on hand Feb 16th 1865	$ 56,55	
" Books purchased from Feb 16th 1865 to Feb 16th 1866	168 92	
Balance being advance charged on Books Sold	29 07 –	$ 254,54

Cash Account

Dr. Feb 16th 1865 To Cash On hand	$ 16,13	
" " 1866 Cash received for Books Sold	218,28	$ 264,41
Cr By Cash Paid for Books from Feb 16th 1865 to Feb 16th 1866	168.92	
" Cash for Agents Salary	21,83	
" " On hand Feb 16th 1866.	73 66 –	$ 264,41
On hand Feb 16th 1865 Books	$ 56,55	
" " " " " Cash	16,13 –	$ 102,68
On hand Feb 16th 1866 Books	28 48	
" " " " " Cash	73 66	$ 102,14
Net loss after paying Agents Salary & Books given to poor Children		,54
		$ 102,68

over

The net loss is made as follows. –

Agents Salary	21 83	
Books given to poor Children	7,78	29,61
Advance charged on Books Sold		29,07
Balance net Loss		,54
		$29,61

C A Pierce Agent

A True Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Eighth Article in the warrant.
The General School Committee not being prepared to report it was on motion Voted to pass over the Article for the present. –

Took up the ninth Article in the warrant.
The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery presented their Annual Report which was accepted as follows viz

Town of Grafton in ape with the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery Cr

1865 March 6th	By Cash On hand	$246.47	
May 15	Rec for Lot	6,06	
1866 Feb	" J D Collar & Robert W Taylor	15 93	
" "	" E Saunders for wood	19,00	
March 3	" Calvin Clesbie for Lumber	16 59	$304,05

Dr

1865 March 6	To Cash Paid John Davies Bill	5 25	
" 27	" " " L S Pond	6,17	
" "	" " " One days work	2 00	
May 29	" " " Geo F Slocombs Bill	77 00	
1866 Feb	" " " Silas Vinton	5 50	$ 95 92
	Balance on hand		$ 208,13

Grafton March 3 1866 } Rufus E Warren Treasurer

about fifty Dollars in Lots & Lumber not Collected –

Took up the tenth article in the warrant
The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery not
being prepared to Report it was on motion Voted to
pass over the Article for the present—

Took up the Second Article in the warrant— and
on motion Voted to choose three Field drivers for the
Year Ensuing— Voted to choose them by nomination
Then by nomination chose
J Frank Searle Sworn March 5th 1866 by J B White Town Clerk
Libert Wood
Nathan L Choffin
Field drivers for the Year Ensuing—

On motion Voted to choose three Fence Viewers for the
Year Ensuing— Voted to choose them by nomination
Then by nomination chose
Joseph B Adams. A M Bigelow & John McClellan
Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing who Severally
accepted Said Office and were duly Sworn to the
discharge of the duties of the Same in Town Meeting
by James W White Town Clerk

Voted to choose by nomination two Surveyors of
Lumber for the Year Ensuing— Then by nomination chose
George M Newton
Reuben Taft
Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing—

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen appoint
Measurers of Wood and Bark— Sealer of weights
and measures. and all other Town Officers
which they are required or may by Law appoint—

Voted that the Several School Districts in the
Town be authorised to choose their own Prudential
Committee the Ensuing Year—

Recorded

Took up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant - and on Motion of Willard D. Wheeler to repair the Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year by Money Tax

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Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to Choose by nomination Thirteen Highway Surveyors for the Year Ensuing - Then Chose

F M Marble
Silas E Stowe
F. M. Wood
Daniel Whitney 2d
Joseph Merriam Jr
S J Axtell
E. F. Chamberlin
Washington White
L. H. Bigelow
Willis Works
Lewis Holbrook
E. P. Dennis
& Oliver Wheelock

Highway Surveyors for the Year Ensuing -

At 12 h 10 m P M Voted to Adjourn for Thirty Minutes -

Met according to adjournment and on Motion Voted to Choose two additional Field drivers - and by nomination Chose

Charles L Pratt
& Aaron Stowe

Field drivers for the Year Ensuing -

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be Auditing Committee for the Year Ensuing -

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On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be Bridge Committee for the Year Ensuing -

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Took up the twelfth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to rais fifteen thousand dollars money Tax to defray town Charges the Ensuing Year-

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On Motion Voted to Appropriate Three thousand five hundred dollars for common schools the Ensuing Year. (See page 462)

On Motion Voted to Appropriate One thousand four hundred dollars for High School the Ensuing Year

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Took up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant and on motion Voted to reconsider the Vote to repair the Highways Town Ways and Bridges by a Money Tax-

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Reconsidered

On Motion Voted to repair the Highways the Ensuing Year by a Labor Tax of two thousand dollars - $2000-

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Took up the fifteenth Article in the Warrant and on Motion of Jonas H Chickering it was Voted to allow Firemen five dollars ($5.00) Each for the Ensuing Year

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Took up the twelfth Article in the Warrant and On motion Voted to Appropriate two thousand ($2000.-) dollars to pay Town Note to Savings Bank-

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Voted to Appropriate two thousand four hundred ($2400) dollars to pay Town Note to Joseph Adams-

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Voted to Appropriate One thousand dollars for the Fire department - and the balance of the money raised to pay Rent of town Hall, Interest on town Bonds and Notes and incidental Expenses

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Took up the thirteenth Article in the Warrant On motion it was Voted to Allow no discount on Taxes the ensuing year and that all Poll Taxes be collected on demand. And that all Taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of October next. and that all Taxes remaining unpaid after that day be subject to an addition of One percent per month until paid - and all legal cost for collecting the Collector to pay over to the Treasurer all money by him collected once in ten days from the time he receives his Tax Bills -

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Voted to put up the Collecting of the Taxes at Auction to the lowest bider. which was according done. and they were Struck off to James W White at Eleven Sixteenths of One percent -

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Took up the Second Article in the Warrant - and by Ballot chose James W White Collector of Taxes for the year Ensuing who was duly Sworn to the discharge of the duties of the Office by S Davis Hall Moderator

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Took up the fourteenth Article in the Warrant. and on motion Voted to leave the compensation of the Sextons for burying the dead in the hands of the Selectmen to fix as in their judgment shall be right and proper -

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Took up the twentieth Article in the Warrant. Willard D Wheeler moved that the School Districts in the Town be Abolished and the Vote being taken on the motion was declared in the negative or not to Abolish the School Districts

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Took up the Sixteenth Article in the Warrant and on motion Voted to Authorise the Prudential Committee in the Several School Districts to Employ the School Teachers in their respective Districts the ensuing year

To take up the Seventeenth Article in the Warrant.
The list of Names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box the same having been posted up in four public places in the town. ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting was read and accepted as follows to wit;

Seth J Axtell	Silas A Forbush	John Putnam
Joseph B Adams	Samuel C Flagg	James G Putnam
Luke F Allen	Charles Fowler	Henry C Prentice
Cyrus D Aldrich	Henry D Fisher	Samuel W Putnam
Joseph Adams 2d	J J Goodrich	Sumner Packard
Joseph K Axtell	Levi C Heywood	John W Plaisted
Horace P Brown	Wm H Harrington	Ashly W Rice
Horace Batchelor	John P Hayden	George H Rugg
Lewis H Bigelow	Lewis Holbrook	Cyrus W Stratton
A M Bigelow	J G Hall	Silas C Stowe
S P Champney	Uriah B Johnson	Leander Stockwell
John P Crosby	Elijah B Knowlton	J Frank Searle
Hollis Chamberlin	S A Knowles	Silas Sinton
Richard K Crane	Samuel A Knox	Moses C Woodbury
Sumner Dinsmore	Samuel C Leland	John Whitney
Samuel B Dolliver	James W McKenzie	Horace S Warren
George M Dunn	Lawson Munyan	Rufus C Warren
Lewis W Dodge	George H Mansfield	Clark C Willis
E P Dennis	Joseph Merriam Jr.	Henry Wesson
Samuel W Eaton	John McClellan	Jon[a] D Wheeler
Winthrop Faulkner	George K Nichols	Orlando Whitney
Benjamin W Fay	John M Newton	C C Wood

A True Copy

Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Eighteenth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted that the High School be kept within the Limits of Central District the ensuing Year

Took up the nineteenth Article in the Warrant, and Voted that the Selectmen cause one of the Church Bells in the centre of the Town to be rung at twelve Oclock M. and at nine Oclock P M the ensuing Year.

Took up the twenty first Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted that the Selectmen procure a Suitable Lockup or place of Security in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 Chapter 216 of Acts of 1862 -

Took up the twenty Second article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted that a Committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to Examine and Report at a future Meeting -
the Moderator appointed William F Slocum F M Wood George F Slocomb Samuel Harrington & A M Bigelow Said Committee, and they were accepted -

Took up the twenty Third Article in the Warrant - and On Motion Voted that a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to Examine into the Subject matter of this Article and report at a future meeting.
the Moderator appointed George F Slocomb Charles Bigham Luke F Allen Jon[a] D Wheeler & Ezek Saunders Said Committee. and they were accepted -

Took up the twenty Fourth Article in the Warrant - and on Motion Voted to choose by nomination a committee of One from Each School District in the Town. beginning with School District No 2 to Examine into the Subject matter of this Article and Report at a future meeting Then by nomination Chose Rev William G Scandlin Rev J M Biscoe. Lawson Murray an J J Atwill E P Dunn A Morse C Bigham Rodney Leland & A Knox -

C. C. Taft & J. S. Nelson Said Committee

Took up the twenty fifth Article in the Warrant, and on motion Voted to pass Over the Article—

Took up the twenty sixth Article in the Warrant and on motion Voted that the Selectmen be authorised to make such compensation to the persons refered to in this Article as in their Judgement is proper, not to exceed five dollars a Year to any One person—

Took up the twenty Seventh Article in the Warrant On motion Voted that the Town Accept the Act passed April twenty third A D 1863 Entitled an Act relating to the Sealing of Weights and Measures—

Took up the twenty Eighth Article in the Warrant, and On Motion Voted That the Selectmen Settle with the Collectors for 1861 and 1862 and abate all Poll Taxes of those Years against persons who have been in the United States Service— and that the Collectors be instructed to collect all Other Taxes—

Took up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant, and after some remarks by J B Adams Esq and Others it was on motion Voted to reconsider the Vote whereby the Roads were to be repaired by a Labor Tax the ensuing Year—

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant, and on motion of J B Adams Voted to Choose three Commissioners by Ballot to have charge of repairing the Highways the Ensuing Year—

By Ballot Chose J B Adams Lewis Holbrook and A M Bigelow Said Commissioners —

(over)

Took up the twelfth Article in the Warrant, and On Motion of Jon^{a} D Wheler it was Voted to Appropriate two thousand Dollars to be put into the hands of the Commissioners just Chosen to be by them Expended on the Highways - they being Authorised to make such contracts as in their Judgement Shall be best -

Took up the twenty ninth Article in the Warrant There being no Outstanding Committee prepared to Report Voted to pass over the Article -

On Motion Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the second day of April next at One Oclock in the afternoon at the Town Hall

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton March 13th 1866

I A Kenowles One of the Selectmen Elect was duly Sworn to the discharge of the duties of his Office by me

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton March 22^{d} 1866

William T Barker One of the Assessors Elect was duly Sworn to the discharge of the duties of his Office by me

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton March 22^{d} 1866

Silas E Stowe One of the Selectmen Elect was duly Sworn to the discharge of the duties of his Offic by me

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton March 29th 1866

Gilbert C Taft Assessor Elect was duly Sworn to the Discharge of the duties of his Office by me

James W White Town Clerk

March 30th 1866 I Davis Hall Assessor Elect and I P Champney Overseer of the Poor Elect were duly Sworn to the discharge of the duties of their respective Offices by me

James W White Town Clerk

W3R $100

Know all men by these presents That we Rufus E Warren of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal and Samuel Harrington and Jonathan D Wheeler of Said Grafton as Sureties are holdin and firmly bound to Said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorny in the Sum of twenty thousand dollars. for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves and Our heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents—

Sealed with Our Seals and dated this twelfth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Six-

The condition of this Obligation is such that Whereas the Said Rufus E Warren has been chosen Treasurer of Said Town of Grafton for the current Year, and has accepted that Office and been duly Sworn to the discharge of its duties— Now if the Said Rufus E Warren as Treasurer as aforesaid, account for All monies which may come into his possession, and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the other Legal duties of the aforesaid Office. Then this Obligation Shall be void. Otherwise Shall remain in full force and virtue—

Signed Sealed and delivered
in presence of James W White for Warren
D S Dudley

Rufus E Warren L S
Sam Harrington L S
Jon D Wheeler L S

A Copy
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James W White Town Clerk

Grafton March 13th A D 1866

We the Undersigned a majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton have this day Examined and approved the within Bond.

S A Knowles
Geo K Nichols
C W Stratton

Selectmen of Grafton

A Copy
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James W White Town Clerk

U.S. R. $1.00 Know all men by these presents that We James W White of Grafton in the County of Worcester and common-wealth of Massachusetts as Principal and Jonathan D Wheeler and Benjamin K Moulton of Said Grafton as Sureties. are holden and firmly bound to Said town of Grafton or its certain Attorney in the Sum of twenty thousand dollars for the payment of Which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves and Our heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents - Sealed with Our Seals and dated this Twelfth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Six -

The condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas the Said James W White has bun chosen Collector of Taxes for Said town of Grafton for the Current Year and has accepted that Office and bun duly Sworn to the discharge of the duties of the Same -

Now if the Said James W White Shall as collector aforesaid faithfully collect, account for and pay Over all the Taxes which he Shall be legally required to collect, and also with Diligence and fidelity discharge all the Other legal duties of the aforesaid office. then this Obligation Shall be Void Otherwise Shall remain in full force and virtue

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of Geo K Nichols James Reed

James W White L S
Jon. D Wheeler L S
B K Moulton L S

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton March 13th A D 1866

We the undersigned a Majority of the Selectmen of the town of Grafton have this day Examined and approved the within Bond -

S A Knowles
Geo K Nichols
C W Stratton
} Selectmen of Grafton

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 2d 1866

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the second day of April A D 1866 at One Oclock in the afternoon Pursuant to adjournment from March 5th A D 1866 and transacted the following business viz

The meeting was called to Order by S Davis Hall Moderator. and the Records of the last meeting excepting that portion contained in the Printed Reports of the Town Officers and the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box were read by the Town Clerk and approved by the meeting.

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and On motion Voted to choose three Highway Surveyors for the Year Ensuing. as none of those chosen at the Annual meeting held March 5th A D 1866 had accepted the Office or been qualified - Voted to choose them by nomination -

Then by nomination chose J B Adams Lewis Holbrook and A M Bigelow Highway Surveyors for the Year Ensuing. J B Adams and A M Bigelow were duly Sworn to the discharge of the duties of their Office by S D Hall Moderator in Open Town Meeting - L Holbrook Sworn April 3 1866 By James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Eighth Article in the warrant. the General School Committe not being prepared to report it was Voted to pass Over the Article

Took up the tenth article in the warrant -

The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery Submitted their Annual Report which was Accepted as follows -

over

The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery ask leave to present to the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton the following as their financial account for the Year ending March 1866

Resources.

Cash in hands of Treasurer	$109.07
" Due from Sundry persons	34.25
Total	143.32

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

J H Allen Chairman

A Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Took up the twelfth article in the warrant, and on motion Voted that the money appropriated for support of Common Schools the Curent Year be divided among the Several School Districts in the Town accosding to the plan adopted April 7th A D 1862 for dividing the School Money—

Took up the Sixteenth Article in the Warrant, A motion was made by James W White, (Committee) that the Prudential in the employing of the School Teachers for their respective Districts be limited in their Expenditures to the amount to which their respective Districts will be entitled according to the rule just adopted for dividing the School Money

The Vote upon the motion was declared in the negative or not to limit the Prudential Committee—

Took up the twenty Second article in the warrant

The Committee Chosen at the last town Meeting holden March 5th A D 1866 to take into consideration or Examine into the Subject matter of this article and report at a future meting. Submitted their Report which was accepted as follows to wit

To the Inhabitants of Grafton

The Committee to whom was refered the matters mentioned in the 22d Article of the Warrant for its Annual meeting of the first Monday in March AD 1866. have attended to the Subject refered to them. and recommend that the Town adopt the following regulations. viz-

That the Town at its present Annual town meeting choose a Committee of three persons who shall hold their office as follows: the first for three years. the Second for two years. and the third for One year from the first Monday in March AD 1866. and until Others are chosen in their Stead. and that hereafter the Town Choose One member of said Committee annually. who shall hold his Office for three years. and until another shall be chosen in his Stead. and that the Town at any meeting duly called for that purpose. may fill any vacancy there may be in said Committee. said Committee shall be called the Committee of the Grafton Common. and shall have the care. Oversight. and culture of said common its walks. fences. Shade and Ornamental trees Shrubs and lawns and all Other things Erected. grown or placed thereon for Ornament Or use. and shall have the Oversight. care and management of all improvements and Ornaments of said Common. and shall have full power and authority to do all things necessary to protect and preserve the common. its Walks. Lawns. fences trees and Shrubs and Other things that may be legally placed thereon for Ornament or use. and shall prosecute all trespasses upon the same

The Committee would likewise recommend that the Town Appropriate the present year the Sum of One hundred and fifty dollars to be Expended under the direction of the Committee of the Grafton Common. to repair and paint the common fence level and Embelish the Lawnes repair the walks

(over)

Scrape and trim the trees and Otherwise preserve and beautify the Common and things thereon -

All of which is respectfully Submitted

Grafton April 2d 1866

Wm F Slocum
Sam Harrington
A M Bigelow
Geo F Slocomb
F M Wood
} Committee -

Took up the Second Article in the warrant, and on motion Voted to choose a committee of three in accordance with and for the purposes recommended by the committee whose report has just been accepted - Voted to choose them by nomination

Then chose Jonathan D Wheeler Wm G Scandlin and F M Wood Said Committee -

Took up the twenty third article in the Warrant -

The Committee Chosen March 5th 1866 to Examine into the Subject matter of this Article and report at a future Meeting asked for further time which was granted -

Took up the twenty fourth Article in the Warrant.

The Committee Chosen March 5th 1866 to take into consideration the Subject matter of this Article and report at a future meeting Submitted their report which was accepted as follows -

"Gentlemen, Your Committee appointed to consider the 24th Article of the Town Warrant" "To see if the town will Erect a Monument in memory of their Soldiers who have died in the Service of Our Country in the late war and make Appropriations for the Same" beg leave to render the following Report -

At the first meeting of your Committee the conversation was divided upon the proposition. The first that of a Memorial Hall was introduced by Rev Mr Biscoe and supported by Mr Dennis. The Idea was to Erect a Brick Building about twenty four feet Square and high Studded for the purpose of a Town Library. It was thought that the members of the Lyceum and Farmers Club would each donate their Libraries to the Town on the condition that the Town appropriate a Sum of money Equal to their value for the purchase of Books. Say some Six hundred dollars. to be paid at the rate of two hundred dollars a Year for three Years - The Second proposition had direct reference to the Article in the Warrant, the Erection of a Monument - In Order to Obtain the necessary facts for a just understanding of the proposition A Sub Committee. consisting of Mr C Brigham & Mr E P Dennis were appointed to Obtain Some probable Estimate of a Memorial Hall and a Monument. to report to your Committee at an adjourned meeting - At the adjourned meeting the report of this Committee gave us some definite facts in reference to the Monument - but not so in respect to the memorial Hall - Mr Dennis had found two lots thought Suitable for the Site of Such a Hall - One of them South of the Orthodox Church. the Other South of the Baptist - The figures of the last, Building and all reaching fourteen hundred dollars. though he thought it might be purchased for less.

Mr C Brigham after Some consultation with Others thought that Such a building and its Site would probably cost in the vicinity of four thousand dollars - without the Marble Slab which was to bear the names of the fallen or the appropriation for Books

Mr Biscoe felt that the Sub committee had yielded too little time to the memorial Side of the question leaving us virtually without the position items required -

Mr Charles Brigham Obtained a plan of a Monument with the heighth Size and cost - and from Mr Dennis's report upon the same Subject it was found that a Suitable Monument could be Obtained for from $2500- to $3,500- the price being governed by the matrial and Size -
(An Outline of which was Exhibited)
It will be Seen by this Outline of Your committees action that it is not Our privilege to tender You on this Occasion and Subject what we had hoped to have done viz a unanimous report - Mr Biscoe and Mr Dennis felt that a Hall would be all that could be desired as a Memorial besides answering an End which Ought to be held high in the Estimation of every citizen of the Town - Their Sympathy and recommendation therefore are in entire harmony with their views upon a Memorial Hall -

Mr R Leland heartily concured in the Idea of a Monument at Some future time when the town was in a better financial condition
Mr G C Taft in his Own Language -

Thus Gentlemen after having tendered You the minority report we would now ask your attention briefly to the Majority Report from Messrs S J Axtell Charles Brigham S A Knox A Morse J. S. Nelson and Wm G Scandlin. These Gentlemen feel that the Article in the warrant committed to them for consideration and report had direct reference to a Monument. and while they all have a greater or less degree of interest in a Town Library, they do not deem it wise to unite these measures - Another thing. they feel that the Town Should be as choice in its care of the memory of these Martyrs to liberty as we are individually over our Own dead Sleeping So Sweetly beneath the Shelter and Shadow of home - We do not think of building Something that Shall be Serviceable to Others as a Memorial to them -

If it is anything it is Something Sacredly consecrated to their memory— Such we ask in the name of the fifty five who have fallen as the Representatives of your town for the Suppression of the rebellion —

The majority of the Committee feel the full force of Mr Lelands Suggestion about Economy. But the question of three or four thousand dollars <u>now</u> or <u>nothing</u> to their memory for they feel that delay in this will be death to it— That if it is not done now the chances are that it will not be done at all. And the close of a Town Record. Bright throughout the whole history of the war— would be a Slight to Our Dead and a Shame to Our living —

While we think of Economy let us ask you to remember this fact. <u>Forty four</u> of the fifty five who have fallen received no cent of Bounty from your town— While their friends have been taxed for all the War Expenditures of the Town —

If we freely bore taxation to fill Our Quotas— can we not— Ought we not to remember what they gave for us. The fact that thus far we have given nothing to them, can we do less Gentlemen than perpetuate their memory— The majority of your Committee recommend the Town to Erect a Suitable monument in memory of their Soldiers who have died in the Service of Our country in the late War — and make an appropriation of from $ 2,500, to $ 3,500, for that purpose

They Also recommend that the monument be placed Somewhere on the Square of the Common. where from its publicity it Shall Speak to the passer by through the Ages to come in Our history —

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Wm G Scandlin for Committee

A Copy

Attest

James W White Town Clerk

A motion was made by W D Wheler and Seconded by Joseph Bruce Esq that the Same Committee that has just Reported be Authorised to carry Out Substantially the recommendation of their Report. Before Action was taken upon Said Motion. the meeting adjourned for half an hour. having first laid Said Motion on the table at 2h 53m P.M.-

Met according to adjournment and the Motion of W D Wheler was taken from the table and after being ammended was passed in the Affirmative as follows viz

On Motion of Willard D Wheler Seconded by Joseph Bruce Esq it was Voted that the Same Committee which has just Reported be Authorised to Erect a Monument in accordance with the recommendation in their Report upon the triangular piece of the Grafton Common nearly in front of the Town Hall. Said Monument to be of Marble - and the whole cost not to exceed five thousand dollars -

Took Up the twelfth Article in the Warrant a Motion was made to raise five thousand dollars — motion lost by negative Vote -

Took Up the twenty fifth Article in the Warrant.
a Motion was made to reconsider the Vote passed March 5th AD 1866 to pass over this Article — motion lost by negative Vote -

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting -

A True Record

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting –

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the Second day of April next at two Oclock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles to Wit –

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting –

Art 2d To See if the Town will Authorise their Treasurer to borrow Money for the use of the Town or Act thereon –

Art 3d To See if the Town will take any measures to Suppress the illegal Sale and use of intoxicating Liquors within the Town or Act thereon

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid –

Given Under Our hands This twenty Second day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Six –

Wm F Slocum
Geo K Nichols
S E Snow
C W Stratton
S A Knowles
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. April 2d A D 1866

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England village Farnums ville and Saunders village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said meeting as therein directed

S D Hall Constable of Grafton

~~A Copy~~ James W White Town Clerk –

Grafton April 2d. 1866

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the Second day of April A D 1866 pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, and transacted the following business - viz -

1st By Ballot. chose S Davis Hall Moderator. (Check List used)

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and On Motion voted to Authorise the Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the town under the direction of the Selectmen -

Took up the third Article in the Warrant and on Motion voted that the Selectmen be a committee to Suppress the Illigal Sale and use of intoxicating Liquors within the town

On Motion voted that the constables of the Town be added to Said Committee -

Then voted to dissolve this meeting -

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 17th 1866

At a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held this Seventeenth day of April A D 1866. for the purpose of appointing those Town Officers which they were authorised to appoint by vote of the town passed at the annual meeting of its inhabitants held March 5th A D 1866. and also those town Officers which they are by law required to appoint. The following appointments were made - viz

Fire Department - Engineers

George H Mansfield -
Sumner Packard
William T Barnes
George F Slocomb
Horace S Warren
Henry F Wing -
Silas Vinton
Wm G Scandlin
Silas E How
Alfred Morse
E. C. Willis
John McClellan

For Sealer of Weights and Measures

James W White who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by Wm F Slocum Justice of the Peace

For Measurers of Wood and Bark. fee 10 cts each

James W White Sworn April 17th 1866 by Wm F Slocum Justice of the Peace
S A Knowles
C. C. Wood
E O Lindley
G. C. Taft Sworn April 19th 1866 By James W White Town Clerk
George H Rugg
James A Morse

over

For Weighers of Coal fee 15 Cts per Load

Samuel Harrington
E O Lindley
James A Morse
Charles Fowler
W L Munyan

For Measurer of Grain

James W White - Sworn April 17th 1866 By Wm F Slocum Justice of the Pe

For Pound Keeper

Benjamin Kingsbury

M E Church N E Village Reorganized.

A Petition was presented to S A Knox Esq by Several of the Trustees of the M E Society in N E Village in Grafton desirous of being Organized as a corporation according to law and a warrant issued to me On the Above petitioners by S A Knox Esq directing me to call a meeting of the Trustees of said religious Society on Thursday April 12th 1866 at Eight Oclock P M - and I having posted said warrant on the Outer door of said Church Seven days before said meeting - the meeting was held at the time appointed & the following business transacted - Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Trustees of said religious Society met in the Vestry of said Meeting house on Thursday Evening April 12th 1866 and Saml A Knox Esq presiding J H Thomas was chosen by Ballot to Serve as Secretary - and he was duly Sworn as appears by the following certificate -

Worcester ss Grafton Mass April 12th 1866

Then J H Thomas having been Elected to Serve as Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Society of New England Village made Oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of his said Office

Saml A Knox Justice Peace

Rev Franklin Fisk was chosen Moderator -

Voted to bring in votes for Trustees on One ballot to consist of seven

J H Thomas J H Jellison Wilcom Lee J J Leonard C L Allen A R Babcock & E M Putnam were chosen Trustees -

Voted that three constitute a quorum to transact business

Amendment to Art 8th of Bylaws - "Notice shall be handed in to the preacher in charge to be given from the desk -

Voted to accept Art 2d - Amendt to Art 3d -

That the Church Shall not be let for any purpose -

Voted to accept Articles 4th & 5th - Voted that E M Putnam be authorised to rent the Tenement under the Church to Mrs Lydia Thacher

Voted that J H Jellison be authorised to procure two Locks & put on to the closet doors in the Vestry - Voted that the annual meeting be held on the third Saturday in March

Voted that J H Jellison Serve as Sexton. Voted to adjourn to four weeks from next Saturday at 7 Oclock P M - J H Thomas Secty

A True Copy viz - at 10h 40m A M April 20th 1866

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Know all men by these presents That We Fruman M Marble of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal and Samuel C Flagg and Leander Stockwell of Said Grafton as Sureties holden and Stand firmly bound and Obliged unto the inhabitants of Said town of Grafton in the full and just Sum of five hundred dollars, to be paid unto the Said Inhabitants of the town of Grafton their Successors or Assigns. To the which payment well well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents

Witness Our Hands and Seals

Dated the twenty third day of April in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Six

The condition of this Obligation is Such that whereas. the Said Fruman M Marble has been duly Chosen and Sworn as a constable for Said Town of Grafton for the term of One Year from the first Monday in March A D 1866. Now therefore if the Said Fruman M Marble as Such Constable. Shall faithfully perform all of his duties in the Service of all Civil processes committed to him. then this Obligation Shall be Void, Otherwise Shall remain in full force

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of James W White

F M Marble L.S.
Samuel C Flagg L.S.
Leander Stockwell L.S.

Recd $100

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

W S R $0.05

Whereas. a controversy has arisen between Hervy K. Potter of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Edmond F Wheler of said Grafton about their respective Rights in the partition fences in the lines between their lands at said Grafton, on Brigham Hill So called - We the Subscribers. Fenceviewers of the Town of Grafton duly chosen and Sworn having on application of the said Hervy K Potter. (and after having given due notice to the said Edmond F Wheler) viewed the premises. and duly considered the matter in dispute. have assigned and do hereby assign to each of said parties his Share of said fence as follows viz The said Hervy K Potter Shall build and keep in repair a good and Sufficient fence from the South West corner of land of said Wheler. on the road leading from Brigham Hill by the House of said Potter to the Worcester road. in an Easterly direction thirty three rods to a Stake - And the said Wheler Shall build and keep in repair a like fence on the Other part of said line viz - from said Stake Easterly Eleven rods and Eleven links to a corner of the Wall. Thence Southerly twenty One rods and fourteen links to a wall at land of James F Thorndike -

The said Hervy K Potter Shall build and keep in repair a good and Sufficient fence on Another line between the lands of said Potter and Wheler as follows viz Commencing on said road from Brigham Hill to said Worcester road at the north west corner of said Wheelers land - Thence Easterly forty One Rods and Eighteen links to a corner of the wall, thence Northerly two rods and Seventeen links to a Stake - And the said Wheler Shall build and keep in repair a like fence on the Other part of said line viz from said Stake Northerly nine rods and Eight links to a corner of the wall. Thence Westerly thirty five rods and two links to the road - And each party is to Erect (or repair) his part of said fence within thirty days from the date hereof -

Given under Our hands at said Grafton this twenty Eighth day of May A.D 1866 -

A M Bigelow
Jos B Adams

A True Copy Rec'd at 7h 50m A M June 5th 1866
Attest
James W White Town Clerk -

Grafton August 7th 1866

At a meeting of the Selectmen of the town of Grafton held this day James W White was appointed an Agent to purchase and sell Spiritous or intoxicating Liquors in accordance with Section 17. Chapt 86. of the General Statutes of the commonwealth of Mass-

Grafton October 2d 1866

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held this day William T Barker was appointed an Agent to purchase and Sell Spiritous or Intoxicating Liquors in accordance with Section 17 Chapt 86 of the General Statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to met at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Seventeenth day of September current at two Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles, to wit —

Art. 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting —

Art 2d To See what action if any the Town will take with reference to the Petition of Benj' W Fay and forty three Others, to the County Commissioners for the County of Worcester. for the alteration, discontinuance and Specific repairs of the County Road leading from Westborough to Grafton. and with reference to the Order of the County Commissioners thereon

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town. and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums ville and Saunders Village, Seven days at least before the time of Holding Said Meeting —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid —

Given Under Our Hands this fourth day of September in the Year of Our Lord. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Six

Wm F Slocum
Geo K Nichols
C W Stratton
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss September 17th 1866

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of Said town and at the Post Offices at New England Village, Farnums ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said meeting as therein directed

Attest I D Hall Constable of Grafton

A True Copy of Warrant & Return

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton September 11th 1866

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at two Oclock in the afternoon and transacted the following business viz-

1st By Ballot chose I D Hall, Moderator. the "check List" being used at his Election-

2d Took up the Second Article in the Warrant-
On Motion of S J Axtell it was voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to meet the County Commissioners and Oppose any Extensive Repairs or Alterations in the Road as contemplated in the Petition and Order referred to in this Article-

Then voted to dissolve this meeting-

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Worcester 88

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the Sixth day of November next., at nine O' Clock in the forenoon. it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the Commonwealth and for a Councillor for the Third Councillor District and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District, and for a county Commissioner for the County of Worcester, and for a Clerk of the Courts for the County of Worcester, and for a Representative to represent the twelfth representative District in Worcester County in the General Court of Massachusetts to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. and for a Representative to represent the Eighth Congressional District in Massachusetts. in the Fortieth Congress of the United States -

The Votes for all the above Officers will be received Open and unfolded on One Ballot or in Sealed Envelopes on Seperate Ballots as best suits the Voter. Each Vote to Specify the Office voted for. -

The Polls will be Open to receive the Votes for the above Officers at ten O'clock A. M.

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting up an ~~attested~~ copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New-England Village, Farnums ville and Saunders Village Seven days at Least before the time of holding said Meeting -

(over)

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to Ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid –

Given Under Our hands this fifteenth day of October in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Six –

Wm F Slocum
Geo K Nichols
S. E. Stowe
S A Knowles
C W Stratton
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. November 6th A D 1866

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village. Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

~~Attest~~ S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A True Copy of Warrant and Constables return on Same

~~Attest~~ James W White Town Clerk

Grafton November 6th A D 1866.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs met at the Town Hall in Said Grafton On Tuesday the Sixth day of November A D 1866 at nine Oclock in the fore-noon. The meeting was called to Order by William F Slocum Esq. Chairman of the Selectmen and the Warrant was read by James W White Town Clerk –

On Motion of E B Bigelow it was Voted that the Polls be closed at three Oclock this afternoon –

The Polls were then Opened at ten Oclock A. M. to receive the votes for the Officers Specified in the Warrant.

(up)

At three Oclock in the afternoon the Polls were closed in accordance with the vote passed at the Opening of the meeting The Votes having been Sorted Counted Recorded and the proper returns made Out and Sealed up in Open Town Meeting were declared to be as follows viz

The Whole number of Votes for Governor was two hundred and fifty Six 256

Alexander H Bullock of Worcester had two hundred and fifty Six Votes- 256

The Whole number of Votes for Lieutenant Governor was two hundred and fifty Six 256

William Claflin of Newton had two hundred and fifty Six Votes. 256

The Whole number of Votes for Secretary of the Commonwealth was two hundred and fifty Six 256

Oliver Warner of Springfield had two hundred and fifty Six Votes- 256

The Whole number of Votes for Attorney General was two hundred and fifty Six. 256

Chester I Reed of Taunton had two hundred and fifty Six Votes 256

The Whole number of Votes for Treasurer and Reciever General was two hundred fifty Six 256

Jacob H Loud of Plymouth had two hundred and fifty Six Votes 256

The Whole number of Votes for Auditor of Accounts was two hundred and fifty Six. 256

Henry S Briggs of Pittsfield had two hundred and fifty Six Votes. 256.

The Whole number of Votes for Councillor for the Third Councillor District was two hundred and fifty Six 256

Thomas Rice Jr. of Newton had two hundred and fifty Six Votes. 256

The Whole number of Votes for Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District was two hundred and fifty Seven 257

George S Ball of Upton had two hundred and fifty Seven Votes 257.

The Whole number of Votes for County Commissioner for the County of Worcester was two hundred and fifty four. 254

Velorous Taft of Upton had two hundred and fifty four Votes 254

The Whole number of Votes for Clerk of the Courts for the County of Worcester was two hundred and fifty Six. 256

Joseph Mason of Worcester had two hundred and fifty Six Votes 256.

The Whole number of Votes for Representative to represent the Eighth Congressional District in Massachusetts in the fortieth Congress of the

United States was two hundred and fifty six 256

John D Baldwin of Worcester had two hundred
and fifty Six Votes - 256

The Whole Number of Votes for Representative to
represent the twelfth representative District in Worcester
County in the next General Court of Massachusetts
was two hundred and Eighty three 283

J E Merriam had One Vote . 1
T J Hull had two Votes 2
Wm H Knowlton of Shrewsbury had forty two Votes 42
John McClellan of Grafton had two hundred
and Ninty Eight Votes 238

The Representative Vote of Shrewsbury as appeared by
the Official Statments of the Selectmen and Town Clerk
of said town Exhibited at twelve Oclock M. November
7th A D 1866 was as follows - to wit
Wm H Knowlton of Shrewsbury had Thirty Eight Votes. 38

John McClellan of Grafton had One hundred and
Sixty nine Votes and was Elected. 169
And on the Same Seventh day of November I deposited
in the Post Office in the center of Said Grafton at One
Oclock P.M a certificate of his Election Signed by
Myself and Ford A Bigham Town Clerk of Shrewsbury
and on the Same day gave a duplicate certificate to
S Davis Hall, Constable of Grafton to deliver to said John McClellan
I also deposited at the Same hour One Oclock P.M the
Other Returns of Votes from Grafton. All properly directed
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Tuesday the Sixth day of November next at two Oclock in the Afternoon to Act on the following Articles to Wit

Art. 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting—

" 2d To See if the Town will increase the pay of the Firemen for the present Year. as petitioned for by Aaron Elliot and Others.

" 3d To See if the Town will increase the pay of the Genral School Committee for the present Year as petitioned for by the Committee

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Center of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnumsville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting— Hereof Fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid—

Given under Our Hands this twenty fourth day of October in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred. and Sixty Six

Wm F Slocum
Geo K Nichols
S E Stowe
C W Stratton
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton November 6th A D 1866

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested Copey thereof at the Post Office in the center of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting as therein directed

S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A True Copey of Warrant & Return

James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs met at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Tuesday the Sixth day of November A D 1866 at two Oclock in the afternoon and transacted the following business towit

1st By Ballot chose S D Hall Moderator. (the check list being used)

2 Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and on motion of Aaron Elliot it was voted to increase the pay of the Firemen for the present year, three dollars -

3d Took up the third Article in the Warrant and on motion of E. B. Bigelow it was voted to increase the pay of the General School Committee for the present year One dollar and fifty cents per day making their pay three dollars per day -

All the Articles in the Warrant having been acted on the meeting was dissolved -

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. Qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the twenty Sixth day of November current at two Oclock P.M. to Act on the following Articles. to wit.

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

" 2d To See if the Town will Accept of the Offer of Joseph Leland Esq. to Donate to the Town One Thousand Dollars for the purpose of Establishing a Public Reading Room and Library, or Act thereon.

" 3d To See if the Town will raise Money and Appropriate the Same, to purchase Books. and provide for the Establishment of a Public Library and Reading Room. as contemplated in the Offer of Joseph Leland to the Town. Or Act thereon.

" 4th To See if the Town will make any Rules. Regulations or By Laws for the management of a Library and Reading room and the Establishment of the Same and Choose Such Officers and Trustees. as may be thereby rendered necessary and proper. or Act thereon.

" 5th To See if the Town will cause a New Bridge to be built Over the Quinsigamond River on the Road from Grafton Center to Brigham Hill near the Centerville Manufactory as Petitioned for by Charles Brigham and Others or Act thereon

" 6th To See if the Town will Refund to Benjamin Heywood moneys paid as Tax on twenty three hundred dollars for which he claims, he was

Taxed Erroniously through mistake in the Years 1864 and 1865. or Act thereon-

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village. Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting-

Hereof Fail not. and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk. at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid-

Given Under Our Hands this Sixteenth day of November in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Six-

Wm F. Slocum
Geo K Nichols
S. E. Howe
S. A. Knowles
C W Stratton
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton November 26th A D 1866

I have Served the Foregoing Warrant by Posting up an ~~attested~~ Copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting as therein directed -

~~attest~~, S D Hall Constable of Grafton -

A True Copy of ~~attest~~ Warrant and Constables return

James N White Town Clerk

Grafton November 26th A D 1866

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs, held in the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the twenty Sixth day of November A D 1866 pursuant to the fore=going Warrant, the following business was transacted viz

The meeting was called to Order and the Warrant read by the Town Clerk and S D Hall was by Ballot Chosen Moderator. the Check list being used at this Election

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and the following communication from Joseph Leland Esq was read. viz

Grafton 3d Novr 1866

To the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton. Gent-

The most pleasing memories of my life center around Our beautiful Town of Grafton.
It is the place of my birth. to which I have returned. after a life of business activity in a Southern State to Spend the remainder of my days.-

Whatever awakens the Sympathies of its Citizens interests me. And wishing to Evince that interest and to leave Some Evidence of my desire to Elevate and improve the rising Generation (a particular hint to the Youth) I have thought that the Establishment of a Free Public Library and Reading-Room would conduce to the wellbeing of its inhabitants as much as any Other plan that could be arranged for this purpose.-

While we enjoy the privileges of Schools. Churches &c. It appears to me that there is a want of Some Central and convenient place of resort. where not only the People of All Ages among Our own Townsmen and Townswomen. but Strangers who may visit us. could find the means of Social intellectual & Moral improvment-

I have therefore concluded to Offer the Town of Grafton the Sum of One Thousand Dollars. trusting at the Same time that the Town will if not now, at Some future day contribute an Equal Amount, which would place the Library on a Sound footing. I would Suggest the following conditions.

1st The Selectmen for the time being together with the Ministirs of the Orthodox, Baptist and Unitarian denomin=ations in the centre of the Town & the Principal of the High School, to be Trustees, with Such Honorary members not Exceding three as they may see fit to add to their board.

2d My desire is that the Amount of my Donation be applied to the purchase of Books of reference and Other works designed to instruct, Elevate, improve, Enlarge and liberalize the reader. Excluding Sectarian Books. Trashy. Novels and Such like works.

3d Also Newspapers in which no preference Shall be given to any Sect or party. and periodicals published in America and Europe. designed to instruct, Elevate & improve the mind.

I hope You will Excuse me. I could have wished that instead of a Monument to Commemorate the Patriotism and Bravery of Our fallen Soldiers a Memorial Library could have been Erected Situated in the centre of Our Town. On the front of which. Should be Engraved on Enduring Tablet the names of those who So nobly devoted their lives to their Country. But it is too late now.

If the Town accepts my Offer which I hope they will I trust and believe. all will be done with prudence and Economy. for carrying Out the Objects Set forth. I am at any moment ready to respond and make good my Offer.

With the best wishes of a humble Citizen
I Subscribe myself

Joseph Leland.

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

After the reading of the foregoing communication from Mr Leland — On motion it was Voted that the Town hereby accepts the Donation from Joseph Leland Esquire of One Thousand Dollars for the Establishment of a Library and Reading Room in Town as proposed by him in his letter to the Selectmen dated the third day of November A D 1866. and also returns to Mr Leland its Hearty and Sincere thanks for his Noble and Generous Gift —

Took up the third Article in the Warrant, and on motion Voted. "That the Town appropriate the Sum of One Thousand Dollars to be applied with the money given to the Town by Joseph Leland Esq to procure Books and Periodicals, and Establish a Reading Room, and Library in the Town" —

Took up the Fourth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted. "That the Selectmen for the time being, the Pastors of the Orthodox, Baptist and Unitarian Societies in the centre of the Town, & the Principal of the High School shall constitute a Board of Trustees of said Library and Reading Room with three Honorary Members of said Board, to be appointed by said Trustees — Said Honorary Members to hold their Office until the next Annual Town Meeting, or until Others are chosen in their Stead" —

On Motion Voted. That the Trustees of the Library and Reading Room shall procure the Books and publications for the Library and Reading Room. provide a Suitable place for the Library and Reading Room. Appoint a Librarian and make all necessary rules and regulations for the care, custody and use of Books. the conduct and Management of the Library and Reading Room — the terms upon which the Books may be taken, used and returned, and fix the

penalties for the violation of said rules and regulations and the non-return or injury of any Books or periodicals of the Library.

Took up the fifth article in the warrant. And on Motion of Charles Brigham Esq Submitted in writing it was voted "That the Town build a new Bridge over the Quinsigamond River in the Central Village, as petitioned for and set forth in the Article of the Warrant now under consideration - of sufficient width for two teams to pass Each Other without any inconvenience or risk - and the Sluiceway of Such Size as to always make the Bridge safe in high water"

On Motion voted that the Building of the Bridge be in the hands of the Selectmen. and that they Build or cause to be built, Such a Bridge as in their Judgment is required and will be for the best interest of the Town -

Took up the Sixth article in the warrant. and on Motion of E B Bigelow it was voted to pass over the article -

Then voted to dissolve this meeting

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fourth day of March next. at nine Oclock in the forenoon. to act on the following articles to wit

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting-

Art 2d To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the Year Ensuing-

Art 3d To hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon-

Art 4th To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer and act thereon

Art 5th To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and act thereon

Art 6th To hear the Report of the Collector of Taxes and act thereon-

Art 7th To hear the Report of the Engineers and act thereon-

Art 8th To hear the Report of the General School Committee and act thereon

Art 9th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery and act thereon

Art 10th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery and act thereon-

Art 11th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Townways and Bridges the Ensuing Year

Art 12th To Raise Such Sum of Money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year and make Appropriations of the Same and act thereon-

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Art 13th To See what Discount the Town will make to those persons who Shall Voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within Such periods of time as the Town Shall direct, and determine when all Taxes Shall be Collected and paid into the Treasury, and what rate of Interest Shall be paid on Taxes remaining Unpaid after that time, and fix the Compensation of the Collector, and Act thereon —

Art 14th To See what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the Ensuing Year and Act thereon —

Art 15th To See what Compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the Year Ensuing, and Act thereon —

Art 16th To See if the Town will Authorise the Prudential Committee in the Several School Districts to Employ the School Teachers in their respective Districts, or Act thereon —

Art 17th To See if the Town will accept the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or Act thereon

Art 18th To determine the place within the Town where the High School Shall be Kept the Ensuing Year

Art 19th To See if the Town will cause One of the Church Bells in the Center of the Town, to be rung at 12 Oclock M and at 9 Oclock P M, or Act thereon —

Art 20th To See if the Town will make a new division of the School Money or Act thereon as Petitioned for by Esek Saunders and Others —

Art 21st To See if the Town will take any measures to purchase the High School Building and Land in case the Same is Sold or Act thereon

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Art 22d To See if the Town will purchase Land and Erect a Suitable building for a Lock up, or act thereon

Art 23d To See what compensation the Town will make to the General School Committee for their Services for the Year Ensuing. Or act Thereon as petitioned for by the Committee —

Art 24th To See if the Town will compromise with Mr Nugent and his Sureties as to their Liabilities to the Town upon the contract to Erect a Monument in Said Town, and the Bond relating to Said Contract and release Said Nugent and his Sureties from their Liabilities to the Town upon Said contract and Bond. Upon their paying and refunding Such Sums of Money as may be determined upon or act thereon. as petitioned for by Joseph Leland and Others

Art 25 To See if the Town will rescind any or all Votes heretofore passed by the Town relating to building a Monument in Said Town or act thereon, as petitioned for by Joseph Leland and Others

26th To See if the Town will procure a Site for, and cause to be Erected a Suitable Memorial Hall or Building in Said Town in honor of the memory of the deceased Soldiers who went from Said Town to Serve in the army to Crush the Rebellion or act thereon as petitioned for by Joseph Leland and Others —

Art 27th To See if the Town will take any measures to cause the Boston and Worcester Rail Road Corporation to Secure the Safety of the Public in croping Said Rail Road On the Road leading from Grafton to Shrewsbury near the Depot or act Thereon —

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Art 28th. To See if the Town will cause So much of the New Road leading from Grafton common to Worcester as is in the Town of Grafton to be located anew or act thereon—

Art 29th To hear the Report of any Out Standing Committee and act thereon—

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting Up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of Said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnumsville, and Saunders Village. Seven days at least before the time of Holding Said Meeting—

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid—

Given Under Our Hands this Eighteenth day of February in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Seven

Wm F Slocum
Geo K Nichols
S E Stowe
S A Knowles
C W Stratton
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss- Grafton March 4th A D 1867

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town, and at the Post Offices in New-England Village, Farnumsville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of Holding Said Meeting as therein directed—

~~Attest~~ S D Hall Constable of Grafton—

A True Copy of Warrant and Constables return—

~~Attest~~ James W White-Town Clerk

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Grafton March 4th 1867.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs Met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. and transacted the following business viz

The Meeting was called to Order at the proper time and the Warrant for the Same read by the Town Clerk. Then by Ballot chose William F Slocum Moderator The check list being used at his Election

-Prayer By Rev Wm G Scandlin-

Barnabas Newton mad a Motion "that the Town Elect three Selectmen for the Year Ensuing-

A M Bigelow moved an amendment to the motion of Mr Newton So as to have the number five The Vote being taken on Mr Bigelows Amendment. was declard not carried-

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Then Voted to have three Selectmen for the Year Ensuing to be chosen. One at a time-

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On Motion of Jon D Wheler Voted to proceed to Elect a Town Clerk for the Year Ensuing-

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The whole number of Votes for Town Clerk was One hundred and thirty One. W D Wheler had One Vote. Gilbert Cummings had fifty Votes. James W White had Eighty Votes. and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of said Office by William F Slocum-Moderator in Open Town Meeting-

Town Clerk

J B Adams Mooved to reconsider the whereby the Town determined to have three Selectmen for the Year Ensuing.—— motion not carried-

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On Motion. Voted to proceed to the choise of Selectmen One at a time

1st. The whole number of Votes for First Selectman was One hundred and ninety nine H C Greenwood had One vote C W Stratton had one vote W D Wheeler had two votes Charles Fowler had four votes. T T Griggs had ten votes Winthrop Faulkner had Sixty five votes and S. E. Stowe had One hundred and Eight votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by Wm F Slocum, Moderator in Open Town Meeting—

First Selectman

2d. The whole number of votes for the Second Selectman was two hundred and fourteen. W D Wheeler had One vote Charles Fowler had One vote. R D Chase had one vote H C Greenwood had two votes. Winthrop Faulkner had three votes. C. W. Stratton had fifty two votes. S A Knowles had Sixty votes.. T T Griggs had ninety four votes and was Elected—

Second " See Page 498

3d The whole number of votes for third Selectman was two hundred and thirty four. R D Chase had two votes C C Wood had two votes Wm T Barker had three votes H C Greenwood had four votes. W D Wheeler had thirteen votes. S A Knowles had thirteen votes— C W Stratton had Seventy five votes—. Charles Fowler had One hundred and twenty two votes and was Elected and duly sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by William F Slocum, Moderator in Open Town Meeting

Third Selectman

Then On Motion voted to bring in the votes for Town Treasurer Three Overseers of the Poor. three Assessors. One Genral School Committee. Six Constables. One Trustee of River-Side Cemetery two Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery. One for five years and One for two years in place of S A Knowles resigned. and One Committee of the Common. on One ballot

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Treasurer

The whole number of votes for Town Treasurer was One hundred and Seventy Eight. Rufus E Warren had One hundred and Seventy Eight votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of

of his Office by William F Slocum Moderator in Open Town Meeting—

Overseers of the Poor

The whole number of Votes for Overseers of the Poor was two hundred and twenty Six. Esek Saunders had One Vote Hollis Chamberlin had Seventy Votes. E P Dennis had Seventy Six Votes. George R Brown had One hundred Votes and was Elected. James G Putnam had One hundred and two Votes and was Elected. Lewis H Bigelow had One hundred and fifty Votes and was Elected—
Lewis H Bigelow and James G Putnam were duly Sworn to the faithful dis charge of the duties of their Office by William F Slocum. Moderator in Open Town Meeting—

Assessors

The whole number of Votes for Assessors was two hundred and forty Six A. M. Bigelow had Seventy Votes W L Munyan had One hundred and two Votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful dis charge of the duties of his Office by William F Slocum Moderator in Open Town Meeting— William T Barker had One hundred and Seventy five Votes. and was Elected Gilbert C Taft had One hundred and Seventy Six Votes. and was Elected. & Sworn April 2 1867. by Town Clerk

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Gen School Com-

The whole number of Votes for General School Committee was One hundred and Seventy— Wm G Scandlin had One Vote. Rev T. C. Biscoe had Sixty five Votes— William F Wheeler had One hundred and four Votes and was Elected—

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2 Selectmen } To R S. Cemetery

The whole Number of Votes for Trustee for River Side Cemetery was One hundred and Eighty— A M Bigelow had One Vote. Luke F Allen had Seventy Eight Votes. S A Forbush had One hundred and One Votes—and was Elected—
T T Griggs declined Serving as Selectman and C C Wood was by Ballot Elected in his Stead and was duly Sworn March 5th by J W White Town Clerk

Tr. Pine Grove Cemetery

The Whole Number of Votes for Trustee for Pine Grove Cemetary was as follows. S A Knowles had twenty two votes for two years. E. B. Knowlton had Seventy Eight votes. S B Dolliver had One hundred and two votes Each without any designation of time of Service- Mr Knowles withdrew his name - and then on Motion Voted that S B Dolliver be Trustee for five years and E B Knowlton be Trustee for two years in place of S A Knox - resigned -

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Common Committee

The Whole number of Votes for Committee of the Common was Eighty two. C A Pierce had One vote. F. M. Wood had Eighty One votes and was Elected

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Cons. Hall.

The Whole number of Votes for Constables was two hundred and thirty two - S D Hall had One hundred and twenty four votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk -
Silas Vinton had One hundred votes and was Elected
Walter Forehand had One hundred and Sixty Votes and was Elected - R D Chase had One hundred and fifty Eight votes and was Elected. and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by William F Slocum Moderator in Open Town Meting - Clark C Willis had One hundred and three votes and was Elected -
R A Smith had ninety three votes and was Elected
Joseph K Axtell had Seventy two votes. Sumner Packard had Sixty One votes - Henry D Fisher had fifty three votes F M Marble had forty nine votes - Henry K Cady had thirty seven votes -
J F Searle had four votes - See bottom of Page 498

On Motion Voted to Authorise the Several School Districts in the Town to choose their Own Prudential Committees for the Year Ensuing -

On Motion Voted to choose Thirteen Highway Surveyors. for the Year Ensuing. By Nomination Then by nomination Chose.

Highway Surveyors.

Silas Vinton Sworn March 4th by Moderator
Otis Fay (Declined) C S Thurston chosen
Daniel Whitney Sworn March 14th by Town Clerk
Daniel Whitney 2d Sworn March 4th by Moderator
Wm O Mansfield Sworn April 2d by Town clerk
Harvey Putnam Sworn March 4th by Moderator
Georgi A Fay Sworn March 4th by Moderator.
Wm Holbrook Sworn March 4th by Moderator.
E B Knowlton Sworn March 4th by Moderator
H. M. Davis Sworn March 4th by Moderator
Thomas Fitzpatrick Sworn March 5th by Town Clerk
Lewis Howe Sworn March 4 by Moderator
Warren Campbell Sworn March 4th by Moderator

Highway Surveyors for the Year Ensuing

Field Drivers

On Motion Voted to Choose four Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing - by nomination - Then Chose

H M Pollard Sworn March 4th by Moderator
E C Cottle Sworn March 6th by Town Clerk
Moses A Keith
Simon B Allen

Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing

Fence Viewers

On Motion Voted to Choose Three Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing by nomination. Then Chose

Perley Goddard Sworn March 4th by Moderator
J B Adams Sworn March 4th by Moderator
A. W. Rice Sworn April 1st 1867 by Town Clerk

Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing

Pound Keeper

By Nomination Chose Caleb Wood Pound Keeper for the Year Ensuing.. Sworn March 21st 1867 by Town Clerk

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Surveyors of Lumber

On Motion Voted to Choose two Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing by nomination Then Chose Noah Fletcher 2d

John M Davenport Sworn March 4th by Town Clerk

Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing

On Motion Voted to authorise the Selectmen to Appoint the remaining Town Officers for the Year Ensuing

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Took up the Third Article in the Warrant, The Selectmen's Report was Accepted as Printed which was as follows - viz -

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Selectmen's Report

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton -

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the close of their Official duties for the Year Ending March 4th 1867. Submit the following Report of the condition of the Town. They have Settled with Rufus E Warren Treasurer of Said Town and find his Account correct and as follows -

1866 Dr

March 29	To Cash recived of George F Slocomb		764 37
April 28	" " " Interest on 5-20 Us Bond		30 00
" "	" " " Premium on Gold for Same		8 40
" 30	" " " on Note to Grafton National Bank 6 mos		2907 00
May 24	" " " On Note to Grafton National Bank 6 mos		1955 67
June 22	" " " of Mechanics Savings Bank		2000 00
July 5	" " " " " " "		2000 00
" 10	" " " " Gas Treasurer, School Fund		201 00
" 23	" " " " E B Bigelow Collector for 1865		200 00
Aug 11	" " " By Exchange of 5-20 - U S. Bond		2250
" 21	" " " of James W White Collector for 1866		150 00
" 24	" " " " " " " " "		100 00
" 27	" " " " " " " " "		150 00
" 28	" " " " " " " " "		300 00
" 29	" " " " " " " " "		1000 00
			$10,888 94

1866	Amt Brot Forward	10 888	94
Sept 1st	To Cash received of James W White Collector for 1866	100	00
" 5	" " " " " " " " " "	100	00
" 8	" " " " " " " " " "	300	00
" 11	" " " " " " " " " "	200	00
" 15	" " " " " " " " " "	500	00
" 17	" " " " " " " " " "	200	00
" 21	" " " " " " " " " "	600	00
" 22	" " " " " " " " " "	300	00
" 26	" " " " " " " " " "	900	00
" 28	" " " " " " " " " "	1000	00
October 1	" " " " " " " " " "	500	00
" 2	" " " " " " " " " "	12,600	00
" 4	" " " " " " " " " "	900	00
" 6	" " " " " " " " " "	200	00
" 11	" " " " " " " " " "	200	00
" 23	" " " " " " " " " "	300	00
" 26	" " " " " " " " " "	100	00
November 5	" " " " " " " " " "	500	00
" 21	" " " " " " " " " "	400	00
December 5	" " " " " " " " " "	300	00
" 8	" " " of State Treasurer, for State Aid	5,500	00
" " " " " " " " Corporation Tax		1274	06
" " " " " " " " for State Paupers		17	50
" 12	" " " " City Treasurer of Worcester, for Paupers	30	35
" 15	" " " Interest on U S 5 20 Bond	30	00
" " " " " Premium On Gold for Same		11	25
" 22	" " " of James W White Collector for 1866	200	00
" " " " " for Assessing Taxes in Districts No 1, 2 & 7		13	00
1867 Jany 14th	" " " of James W White Collector for 1866	200	00
" Feb 11	" " " " State Treasurer, Corporation Tax	4	82
" " " " " " " " for State Paupers		104	00
" 15	" " " " James W White Collector for 1866	200	00
" 18	" " " " " " " " "	348	54
" " " " " " Interest On Taxes since Oct 1		36	80
" " " " " " for use of Town Hall		118	00
		31 286	26

1867		Amt Brot Forward -			39263 26	
Feb 18	To Cash Rec'd of E B Bigelow Collector for		1864	20 30		
	" " " " " "		"	348 99		
	" " " " "	Interest on Taxes of 1864 & 1865		23 77		39,630 32
		Total Receipts		39.630 32		
		Cr				
Paid	J K Axtell. School District No 1			1056 26		
"	Benj Haywood " " " 2			163 32		
"	Lawson Munyan " " " 3			198 32		
"	E H Jackson " " " 4			192 32		
"	E P Dennis " " " 5			185 32		
"	H C Fuller " " " 6			327 00		
"	Daniel Whitney 2 " " " 7			176 32		
"	Bradford Chase " " " 8			166 00		
"	L H Bigelow " " " 9			719 95		
"	G C Taft " " " 10			273 32		
"	E B Knowlton " " " 11			234 32		3691 45
Paid	H L Read Teacher of High School			850 00		
"	Ellen L. Biscoe Assistant do			135 00		
"	for Rent of School Room			190 00		
"	" Care of " "			30 05		
"	" Coal for High School			53 00		
"	" Repairs on School Room			17 50		1275 55
Paid	John W Bigelow Services on Gen School Committee			55 00		
"	Rev Gilbert Robbins " " " "			81 00		
"	Rev T. C. Biscoe " " " "			65 00		201 00
Paid	George F Slocomb Chief Engineer of Fire Dept.					929 25
"	Wm T Barker Assessor for		1865	21 75		
"	" " " " "		1866	16 50		
"	Gilbert & Taft " "		1866	72 00		
"	S D Hall " "		1866	24 00		
"	for Books and Stationary for Assessors "			22 07		156 32

Paid for Printing Reports. Warrants &c			228 96
" James W White for Recording Valuation & Taxes	25 00		
" " " " " " Marriages Births & Deaths	50 10		
" " " " " " Enrolled Militia	3 00		
" " " " " " Copying Record of Road Survey	20 00		
" " " " for Extra writing on Reports, Warrants &c	43 00		
" " " " " Fuel & Light for Hall & Office	88 98		
" " " " " Stationary for Office	6 00		
" " " " " Repairs on Stove & Lamps	2 57		
" " " " " Express on Books &c	5 65		
" " " " " Paid Postage	2 67		246 97
" " " " " Collecting Taxes for 1866			150 89
" " " " " Care & Committing John Cusick to Hospital at Worcester			9 90
Paid Sath Aid to two families under Old Law			250 00
" Selectmens Services for 1865			175 00
" James Carney for care of Town Hall			50 00
" E T Slocum. ringing Town Bell			12 50
" S D Hall Posting Warrants & Notifying Town Officers			26 55
" J W Plaisted. Services as Sexton	135 95		
" S A Knox " " "	36 40		
" J Gleason " " "	24 50		216 85
" for Repairs on Highways for 1865	13 04		
" " " " " " 1866	2145 78		2158 82
" Overseers of the Poor			655 00
" for Building Fence at Pine Grove Cemetery			1213 32
" " Repairing Bridges			7 50
" " Drawing Plan for new Bridge			5 00
" " Railing for Highways			94 50
" " Survey of Worcester Road			27 00
" " Repairs On Gundeboards & Posts			9 50
" " Building Downingville Road			57 25
" E P & I Howe Damage received on Highway			25 00
" Committee of the Common			150 00
" Town Library Trustees			100 00
" Soldiers Monument Committee			2196 63
" For breaking Roads & Shoveling Snow			958 77

Paid for Extra Repairs on Highways	40 96
" R E Warren for laying State Aid	30 00
" J B White for Shoeing Hearse	9 00
Total amount of Selectmens Orders	16259 44
" Interest on Town Bonds and Notes	1462 33
" Assessors Orders of Abatement	123 24
" State Tax	5970 00
" County Tax	1794 80
" Rent of Town Hall	50 00
" Two Notes to Grafton National Bank	5000 00
" Three Notes to Mechanics Savings Bank	6000 00
" Insurance on Town Farm House &	35 80
" State Aid under Act of 1866	4233 67
" Account Books	1 00
Total Amt Paid	41,386 29

Amt Paid $41386 29
Amt Rec. 39.630.32
Amt Due Treas 1,755 97

Liabilities of the Town

Town Bonds	22,000 00
Int. on Same	195 56
Two Notes to Joseph Adams	2400 00
Int on Same	25 60
Balance due R E Warren Town Treasurer	1755 97
Total Liabilities	26,377 13

Resources of the Town

Uncollected Taxes for	1861	486 04
" "	1863	292 31
" "	1864	296 24
" "	1865	765 79
" "	1866	826 26
U S. 5-20 Bond		1000 00
Town Farm and Buildings		6000 00
Personal Property on Farm		4828 43

Three Fire Engines and fixtures	3500 00
Two Engine Houses & Hook & Ladder House & Land	2350 00
Hook & Ladder Carriage and Apparatus	1250 00
New Hearse House. Hearse and Harness	1000 00
Furniture and Fixtures in Hall and Office	475 00
Due from State for State Aid	4485 67
Money in Hands of C A Pierce Book Agent	75 45
Books " " " " " " "	21 99
Total	$26831 18
Amt of Liabilities	26377 13
Balance of resources over Liabilities	454 05

We respectfully Submit the following Estimate for which the Town Should provide by Tax or Otherwise in 1867 viz-

Deficiency in the Treasury for 1866	1755 97
Appropriations for common Schools not drawn	95 95
" " " High School " "	124 50
" " " Monument " "	2803 37
To pay for Bridge at Centerville	675 00
" " Interest on Town Debt.	1244 00
" " Rent of Town Hall	300 00
" " Repair of Highways	2000 00
" " Common Schools	3500 00
" " Fire Department	1600 00
" " Other Town charges and Expenses	2500 00
" " Two Notes to Joseph Adams	2400 00
Total	20698 79

At the following named places. Guide boards are Erected and Maintained within the Town viz.

At the corner of the roads near Warren Block, near J D Wheeler's. near Silas Vintons, near William Wallaces, near Edward Fahey's Barn, northerly of the residence of Frederick Waterman. near the Indian Burying ground. near the Farnums Ville School House near the House of A Morse. near Jefferson Bellows'

near Farnumsville Depot. near Charles McNamara's. near William Holbrook's. near H T Eddy's. near Saunders Store near J McClellan's, at the corner of the roads north East of Daniel Johnsons. near Charles Daniels. At Each of the corners northerly of the Old burying ground. near Quinsigamond House N E village. near Widow H B Fairbanks near the Dexter Hathaway place. near the House on Town Farm near Meeting House N E village. near J W Putnam's northerly of the House of C M Vinson. near Waterville School House. near Joseph Kimballs. at two places between the last named places. near Widow H J Potts near Capt Benj Aldrichs. near Henry Wessons on the Barn of B W Fay. near L N Lelands. Westerly of Geo Dunn's near John O Keefs. near Joseph Bruces—

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted.

Wm F Slocum
Geo K Nichols
S E Stowe
S A Knowles
C W Stratton
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton March 4th 1867.

A Copy Attest James M White Town Clerk

Took up the fourth Article in the Warrant.

The Treasurers Report was accepted as Printed which is as follows

Treasurers Report.

Town of Grafton in account with Rufus E Warren Treasurer—

1866 Cr

March	29	By Cash rec'd of George F Slocomb			764	37
April	25	" " " Interest on 5-20 U S Bond			30	00
"	"	" " " Premium on Gold for Same			8	40
"	30	" " " On Note to Grafton National Bank	6 mos		2907	00
May	24	" " " " " " " "	5 mos		1955	67
June	22	" " " at Mechanics Savings Bank			2000	00
July	5	" " " " " " "			2000	00

July	10	By Cash ord & State Treasurer, School Fund			201 00
"	23	" " " E B Bigelow, Collector for	1865		200 00
August	11	" " " by Exchange of 5-20 U S Bond			22 50
"	21	" " " of James W White Collector for	1866		150 00
"	24	" " " " " " " " "	"		100 00
"	27	" " " " " " " " "	"		150 00
"	28	" " " " " " " " "	"		300 00
"	29	" " " " " " " " "	"		100 00
Sept	1	" " " " " " " " "	"		100 00
"	5	" " " " " " " " "	"		100 00
"	8	" " " " " " " " "	"		300 00
"	11	" " " " " " " " "	"		200 00
"	15	" " " " " " " " "	"		500 00
"	17	" " " " " " " " "	"		200 00
"	21	" " " " " " " " "	"		600 00
"	22	" " " " " " " " "	"		300 00
"	26	" " " " " " " " "	"		900 00
"	28	" " " " " " " " "	"		1000 00
Oct	1	" " " " " " " " "	"		500 00
"	2	" " " " " " " " "	"		12,000 00
"	4	" " " " " " " " "	"		900 00
"	6	" " " " " " " " "	"		200 00
"	11	" " " " " " " " "	"		200 00
"	23	" " " " " " " " "	"		300 00
"	26	" " " " " " " " "	"		100 00
Nov	5	" " " " " " " " "	"		500 00
"	21	" " " " " " " " "	"		400 00
Dec	5	" " " " " " " " "	"		300 00
"	8	" " " of State Treasurer State Aid			5500 00
"	"	" " " of " " Corporation Tax			1274 06
"	"	" " " " " State Paupers			17 50
"	12	" " " City Treasurer Worcester Paupers			30 35
"	15	" " Interest on 5-20 U S Bond			30 00
"	"	" " Premium on Gold on Same			11 25
"	22	" " of James W White Collector for	1866		200 00
"	"	" " for Assessing Taxes in Districts No 1-20			13 00

1867 Jany	14	" Cash Rec'd	of James W White Collector for	1866	200	00
Feb	11	" "	State Treasurer Corporation Tax		4	82
"	"	" "	State Paupers		104	00
"	15	" "	" James W White Collector for	1866	200	00
"	18	" "	" " " " " "	"	348	54
"	"	" "	" " " " Interest on Taxes since Oct 1		36	80
"	"	" "	" " " " for use of Town Hall		178	00
"	"	" "	" E B Bigelow Collector for	1864	20	30
"	"	" "	" " " " "	1865	348	99
"	"	" "	" " " " Interest on Taxes of 1864 & 1865		23	77
			Total receipts		39.630	32
			Amt Overpaid		1755	97
					41,386	29

1866. Dr.

June	30	Paid Interest On Town Bonds		550	00
July	2	" Rent of Town Hall		250	00
Aug	29	" for two Account Books		7	00
"	"	" Interest On Note to Joseph Adams, to July 1st		72	00
Oct	4	" Note to Grafton National Bank		2000	00
"	31	" One half County Tax		897	41
Nov	1	" Note to Grafton National Bank		3000	00
"	24	" " " Mechanics Savings Bank		2000	00
"	"	" " " Interest On Same		109	33
Dec	8	" State Tax		5970	00
"	12	" Two Notes to Mechanics Savings Bank		4000	00
"	"	" Interest On Same		109	00
1867 Jany	1	" One half County Tax		897	40
"	"	" Interest On Town Bonds		550	00
"	"	" Rent of Town Hall		250	00
"	"	" Insurance on Town Farm House &c.		35	80
"	"	" Interest to Joseph Adams		72	00
Feb	5	" Assessors Orders of Abatement		123	24
"	"	" Selectmens Orders		1625	44
"	"	" State Aid under Act of	1866	4233	67
		Total Amt Paid		41,386	29
		Amt Rec'd		39,630	32
		Amt Over Paid		1755	97

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted. Rufus E Warren Treas

Grafton March 1st 1867 A True Copy ~~Attest~~ J W White Town Cl

Took up the fifth Article in the Warrant The Overseers of the Poor having prepared their Report and caused the same to be Printed with the Other Town Officers Reports presented the same as printed, which after Some remark was On Motion of John W Slocomb recommitted —

Took up the Sixth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to accept the Report of the Collector of Taxes as Printed which is as follows viz.

Collectors Report.

The Amount of Taxes committed by the Assessors of the Town of Grafton to James W White Collector for 1866 is as follows viz —

1866	August 1st	Town Grant	$ 15,000.00
		State Tax	5,970.00
		County Tax	1,794,81
		Overlayings	9.99
		Total Tax	$ 22,774 80

1866

Aug	21	Cash Paid Rufus E Warren Treasurer	130 00
"	24	" " " "	100 00
"	27	" " " "	150 00
"	28	" " " "	300 00
"	29	" " " "	100 00
Sept	1	" " " "	100 00
"	5	" " " "	100 00
"	8	" " " "	300 00
"	11	" " " "	200 00
"	15	" " " "	500 00
"	17	" " " "	200 00
"	21	" " " "	600 00
"	22	" " "	300 00
"	26	" " "	900 00
"	28	" " "	1000 00
Oct	1	" " "	500 00

Oct	2	Cash Paid Rufus E Warren Treasurer	7500 00
"	"	"	5100 00
"	4		900 00
"	6		200 00
"	11		200 00
"	23		300 00
"	26		100 00
Nov	5		500 00
"	21		400 00
Dec	5		300 00
"	22		200 00
1867 Jan	14		200 00
Feb	15		200 00
"	18		348 54
	"		21948 54
		(Interest on Taxes since October $\frac{1}{2}$	36 80)

Leaving an amount of Taxes Uncollected of $826.26 against the following persons for the amount set against their respective names.

Names	Amt		Names	Amt	
Allen Newman 6	2	00	Clark Isaac	2	00
Anthony Richard	2	00	Chever William	2	00
Armstrong John	2	00	Connelly John	2	00
Brooks Henry E	2	00	Claflin Charles	2	00
Byron M M	14	82	Conley Michael	2	00
Bennett Danie	2	00	Curran Patrick	2	39
Bodro Peter	2	00	Dolan Michael	2	00
Baker Joseph W	2	00	Davis Olney	2	00
Belden James	2	00	Dolphin Levi	2	00
Boisvert Leon	2	00	Damon Lyman A	2	00
Butler John	2	00	Downing Joshua	2	00
Brigham Phineas F	9	13	Elliot Aaron	2	00
Bingham Thomas A	2	00	Fitz Simmons George	2	00
Boutiette Nelson	2	00	Forrest Thomas	2	00
Bugbee Fred A	2	00	Fortin Thomas	2	00
Cady H K Mrs	14	42	Ford Levi	2	00
Currins Patrick	2	00	Freeman Lewis	2	00
Clark Moses F			Forrest Patrick	2	00

Flynn Daniel	2 00	Laduke Isaac	2 00
Greenin Alic	2 00	Mitchell Henry L	2 00
Guard Thomas D	2 00	McPartlin John	2 00
Gibbs S F	2 00	Minehan Dennis	2 00
Harrington J.E.	2 00	Minehan James	2 00
Holbrook Henry	2 00	Mowry John	2 00
Horton E.S.	2 00	Moore Lorin	2 00
Harrington Betsy Mrs	3 20	Morrison Peter	2 00
Horan Patrick H	2 00	Marsden Thomas	2 32
Hitchins John	2 85	Norcross C.F.	5 85
Henry John	2 00	Newton C.E.	2 00
Ingalls Joseph	2 00	Newton F F	2 32
Johnson Alonzo	2 00	Newton Georg M	2 00
Johnson Henry G	2 00	Nichols J.E.	2 00
Johnson William	2 00	Osier Peter	2 00
Jennings John	4 69	Pickham Henry A	2 00
Jennings Edward	2 00	Plude Austin	2 00
Kelly Joseph	2 00	Putnam Alonzo	2 00
Knapp William A	2 00	Patterson John	2 00
Knowlton H.E.	2 00	Parmenter Frank	2 00
Kimpton Abram W	2 00	Pollard H M	23 03
King Peter	2 71	Pogue John 2d	2 00
Kelleher Dennis	2 00	Pratt Luke C.	2 00
Kelleher Daniel	2 00	Pratt Georg B	2 00
Kimball John	2 00	Pogue William	2 00
Kimpton John S	26 04	Prout Patrick	2 00
Kennedy Michael	2 00	Pratt Richard K.	2 00
Kimpton Wm B.	2 00	Rand Charles D	2 00
Kimpton Ellen E	6 41	Ripley William H	2 00
Legate C.J.	10 97	Roach John	2 00
Lynch Michael	2 00	Richardson Frederick	2 00
Lynch Patrick	2 00	Robinson Joshua	1 26
Legault Antoine	2 00	Roods Augustus	2 00
Lucas Marble	2 00	Rourke Patrick	2 00
Lovely Joseph	2 00	Stacy O.T.	2 00
Leclair Felix	2 00	Stacy Philo	2 00
Lee Nelson	2 00	Smith A.F.	2 00
Lord James	2 00	Smith A F Agent	57 99

Smith Carrie B Mrs	103	84
Shehan Michael	2	00
Sharon Aly	2	00
Sibley Moses	2	00
Sullivan James	2	00
Slyne Dennis	2	71
Swetser John A	13	98
Stow John F	2	00
Spring H. C.	2	00
Turner Call C.	2	00
Temple Bonapart	2	00
Temple Morton	2	00
Thompson Henry	2	00
Vinson C. M.	78	91
Vining H. C.	2	00
Vinson Anna B Mrs	1	58
Wheeler E F	56	32
Webster Lucius	2	00
White David N 2d	2	00
Wheelock L S.	13	61
Wheelock Persis Mrs	39	74
Wesson James	2	00
Willis Samuel C Jr	2	00
Wedyo J L	2	00
Wood Samuel H	2	00
Walcott Addison	2	00
Young Albert	2	00
Zerard Octave	2	00
Non Residents		
Adams Samuel	3	20
Congdon Samuel C	8	97
Pratt F. B.	4	17
Stowe Alonzo	15	38
Sadler E. B.		57
	$826	26

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted
James W White Collector

Grafton March 4th 1867.

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Seventh Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to accept the Report of the Engineers as Printed which is as follows viz

Chief Engineers Report

Town of Grafton in account with George F Slocomb Chief Engineer for Expenditures of the Fire department for the Year Ending March 4th 1867

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By Cash on hand at last report	$27,69	
" " Rec'd on Selectmen's Orders	92 28	96,97

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Rescue Engine Co. No 1

Paid Services of 51 Mun for Year Ending May 1st 1866	261-00
" Care of Engine and Apparatus One Year	10 00
" Gratton & Knights Bill	350
" B Newtons. "	140
" William Fiskes "	600
" N Sheridans "	225
	$284 15

Empire Engine Co No 2.

Paid Services of 54 Mun for Year Ending May 1st 1866	$229,00
" Care of Engine & Apparatus One Year	10,00
" Georg H Mansfields. Bills	4057
" Quinsigamond Stable	400
	$ 283,57

Blackstone Engine Co No 3.

Paid Services of 50 Mun for Year Ending May 1st 1866	$ 220,50
" Care of Engine and Apparatus one Year	1000
	$ 230.50

Hook and Ladder Co

Paid Services of 31 Mun for Year Ending May 1st 1866	$ 14800
" Care of Carriage and Apparatus One Year	500
" J W Slocomb & Sons Bill	75
	$ 153,75
Paid Watchmen at Merriams Fire	500
Total Amt Paid	$ 956,97
" " Recvd	$ 95697

All of which is respectfully Submitted

George F Slocomb. Chief Engineer

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Eighth Article in the Warrant The General School Committee not being prepared to Report. it was Voted to pass over the Article

Took up the Ninth Article in the Warrant. The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery not being ready to report. – It was voted to pass over the article for the present –

Took up the tenth article in the Warrant. The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery. not being prepared to report – it was voted to pass over the article for the present –

See Page 531

Took up the twelfth article in the Warrant, and on motion voted to raise Sixteen thousand Dollars to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year – $12,000 –

See Page 531

On Motion voted to appropriate three thousand, five hundred Dollars for the Support of Common Schools the Ensuing Year $200 – added

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On Motion voted to appropriate One thousand, four hundred Dollars. for the Support of the High School for the year Ensuing –

Voted to lay the twelfth Article on the Table for the present and take up the Eleventh article in the Warrant –

Then On Motion of John P Crosby. it was voted to repair the Highways Town ways. and Bridges the Ensuing Year by a labor Tax – with an appropriation of two hundred. dollars for Special repairs to be in the hands of the Selectmen.

On Motion of John P Crosby it was voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars Labor Tax for repairing the Highways Toiwn ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year –

Voted to Allow One Shilling per hour for Man and One Shilling per hour for a Yoke of Oxen to work on the Highways leaving the price for Tools discretionary with the Highway Surveyors

Took up the fifteenth Article in the Warrant. and On Motion Voted to Allow Firemen for the Year Ensuing the Same compensation that was allowed them last Year which was. Eight dollars for the Year. and in the Same ratio for a Shorter time—

Took up the twelfth Article in the Warrant. and on motion Voted to appropriate two thousand four hundred dollars to pay Note to Joseph Adams—

On motion Voted to appropriate two hundred dollars. for Special repairs on the Highways. to be Expended by the Selectmen the Ensuing Year—

On motion Voted to appropriate One thousand. Six hundred dollars. for the Fire department for the Year Ensuing

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On motion Voted to appropriate Six hundred and Seventy five dollars. for building Bridge at Centreville— and the remainder of the money raised to be appropriated to paying intres on Town Bonds & Notes. Rent of Town Hall. and incidental Expenses—

Took up the thirteenth Article in the Warrant— and and On motion Voted to adopt the Same rules and regulations respecting taxes which were adopted last Year which were as follows. viz—

Voted to Allow no discount on Taxes the ensuing Year. and that all Poll Taxes be collected on demand. and that all Taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury. On or before the first day of October next. and that all Taxes remaining unpaid after that day be subject to an addition of One percent per month until paid and all legal cost for collecting — the collector to pay over to the Treasurer all money by him collected. once in ten days from the time he receives his Tax Bills—

voted to put up the collecting of the Taxes at Auction to the lowest bidder which was accordingly done and taken by James W White at three fourths of One Percent. ---

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Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and by Ballot chose James W White Collector of Taxes for the Year Ensuing - who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by William F Slocum Moderator in Open Town Meeting -

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Took up the fourteenth Article in the Warrant and on Motion voted that the Subject matter of this Article be left in the hands of the Selectmen

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Took up the Sixteenth Article in the Warrant, and on Motion. Voted to Authorise the Prudential Committees in the Several School Districts to Employ the School Teachers in their respective Districts for the Year Ensuing

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Took up the Seventeenth article in the Warrant The Selectmen, presented a "List of Names" prepared by them to be placed in the Jury Box for the Year Ensuing which on motion of E.B Bigelow was amended by erasing his name from said list, and then adopted as amended as follows- viz

Seth J Axtell, Joseph B Adams, Luke F Allen
Cyrus D Aldrich, Joseph Adams 2d Horace P Brown
Horace Batchelder Lewis H Bigelow A M Bigelow
John P Crosby Hollis Chamberlin, Richard R Crane
Sumner Dinsmore Samuel B Dolliver Edward P Dennis
Sullivan Dadmun, Samuel W Eaton, Winthrop Faulkner
Benjamin W Fay Samuel C Flagg William A Fiske
J J Goodrich Wm H Harrington John P Hayden
J G Hall, George F Jourdan Elijah B Knowlton

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I A Knowles. E K Knowlton. Samuel E Leland
Thorndike Leonard. Lawson Munyan Geo H Mansfield
Joseph Merrian Jr. John McClellan James Martin
Georg K Nichols Jasper S Nelson Charles L Pratt
James G Putnam Henry G Prentice. Summer Packard
A W Rice. George H Rugg. C W Stratton
J Frank Searle James B Stratton. Moses C Woodbury
Clark C Willis Henry Wesson. Jon[a] D Wheeler
C. C Wood Silas E Stowe —

Took up the Eighteenth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted that the High School Shall be kept within the limits of the Center School District the Ensuing Year-

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Took up the nineteenth. Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to Authorise the Selectmen to cause One of the Church Bells in the center of the Town to be rung at twelve Oclock M. and at nine Oclock P M-

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Took up the Twentieth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted that the money appropriated for the Support of Common Schools. be divided among the Several School Districts in the Same manner as heretofore in accordance with the recommendation of a Com-mittee chosen at the Annual Town Meeting in Eighteen hundred and Sixty two Excepting that the remainder of the Money After appropriating to Each School One dollar for the average attendance of Scholars in that School for the year preceding the division- Shall be divided Equally among all the District Schools in the Town. instead of "the Seventeen" Schools" then existing"-

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Took up the twenty first Article in the Warrant on Motion of W D Wheeler. it was Voted that a Committee of three persons who are not

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Stock holders in the High School Building and Land be appointed by the Moderator to look into the matter contained in this Article and report at an adjourned Meting. The Moderator appointed. W D Wheeler S. A. Knowles. and John Mc Clellan for said Committee who were accepted by Vote of the Town—

Took up the twenty Second Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to pass over the Article —

Took up the twenty Third Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to allow the General School Committe the Same compensation for their Services, for the Year Ensuing as was allowed them for the last Years Services. Viz Three dollars per day—

Took up the twenty Fourth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to pass over the Article—

Took up the twenty Fifth Article in the Warrant and on Motion. Voted to pass Over the Article—

Took up the twenty Sixth Article in the Warrant and on motion Voted to pass Over the Article

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Took up the twenty Seventh Article in the Warrant And on Motion Voted. that the Selectmen be instructed to apply to the County Commissioners to compell the Boston and Worcester Rail Road Corporation, to Establish a Flag Man or Gate at the crossing of the road near their Depot in Grafton. Unless they remove their Depot on the South Side of the Track—

Took up the twenty Eighth Article in the Warrant and on motion Voted that the Selectmen Cause the road refered to in this Article to be Located anew—

Then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next at two Oclock in the afternoon.

A True Record James W White Town Clerk

March 5th A D 1867 Silas Vinton personally appeared and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharg of the duties of the Office of Constable for the Year Ensuing
By me James W White Town Clerk

March 5th A D 1867 C C Wood personally appeared and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Selectman for the Year Ensuing
By me James W White Town Clerk

March 5th A D 1867 Thomas Fitz Patrick personally appeared and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Highway Surveyor for the Year Ensuing
By me James W White Town Clerk

March 9th A D 1867 William T Barker personally appeared and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Assessor for the Year Ensuing
By me James W White Town Clerk

March 11th A D 1867 Daniel Whitney Personally appeared and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Highway Surveyor for the Year Ensuing Before me James W White Town Clerk

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March 12th A D 1867. Caleb Wood personally appeared and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Pound Keeper for the Year Ensuing
By me James W White Town Clerk

March 14th A D 1867. Walter Fosland personally appeared and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Constable for the Year Ensuing By me James W White Town Clerk

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April 2 1867. C C Taft. personally appeared and was duly Sworn to the Faithful discharge of the duties of his office as Assessor. for the current Year before me
James W White Town Clerk

$1,00 U S R.

Know All Men by these presents that We Rufus E Warren of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts. as Principal, and Samuel Harrington and Jonathan D Wheeler of Said Grafton as Sureties are holden and firmly bound to Said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorney, in the Sum of twenty thousand Dollars. for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves Our Heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents.

Sealed with Our Seals and dated this twentieth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Seven,

The Condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas the Said Rufus E Warren has been chosen Treasurer of Said Town of Grafton for the current Year and has accepted that Office and been duly Sworn to the discharge of its duties.

Now if the Said Rufus E Warren as Treasurer as aforesaid account for all monies which may come into his possession, and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the Other legal duties of the aforesaid Office. then this Obligation Shall be void Otherwise Shall remain in full force and Virtue

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
James W White for Warren
H C Greenwood

Rufus E Warren L.S.
Sam Harrington L.S.
Jon D Wheeler L.S.

A True Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk.

Examined and Approved March 2d 1867.

S. E. Stowe
Chas C Wood
Chas Fowler
Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy.
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 1st 1867

The inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton pursuant to adjournment from the fourth day of March now last past. and being called to Order by William F Slocum. the Moderator transacted the following business viz ———

——— The Record of the last meeting with the exception of that portion contained in the printed Reports. was read by the Town Clerk. and Approved by the Town—

Took up the second article in the Warrant. R A Smith having declined Serving as Constable it was voted to leave his Office vacant. having five Constables instead of Six as voted for at last meeting—

George R Brown having declined Serving as One of the Overseers of the Poor, it was voted to proceed to the choise of an Overseer of the Poor in his place. Then by Ballot mad choise of E. P. Dennis for Overseer of the Poor. who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk

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By nomination chose Calvin S Thurston Highway Surveyor in place of Otis Fay. who was chosen March fourth but declined Serving— Sworn May. 27th 1867 By James W White Town Clerk

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By Nomination chose A W Rice Highway Surveyor in place of E B Knowlton. deceased. A W Rice was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Highway Surveyor. April 1st 1867 by me James W White Town Clerk—

Silas Vinton resigned the Office of Highway Surveyor and by vote his resignation was accepted -

Then by nomination chose Winthrop Faulkner Highway Surveyor in place of Silas Vinton, resigned Mr Faulkner declined Serving and was by vote Excused

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By nomination chose John M Davenport Highway Surveyor who declined and was by vote Excused -

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By nomination chose John B White Highway Surveyor who declined Serving and was by vote Excused -

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By nomination chose Willard D Wheeler Highway Surveyor who declined Serving and was by vote Excused -

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By nomination chose Luke F Allen Highway Surveyor who declined Serving and was by vote Excused -

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By nomination chose William S Bruce Highway Surveyor who declined Serving and was by vote Excused

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By nomination chose Barnabas Newton Highway Surveyor who declined Serving and was by vote Excused -

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By nomination chose Willard S Wood Highway Surveyor who accepted the Office and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the same by James W White Town Clerk

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By nomination chose Edwin A Howe Field Driver for the Year Ensuing -

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Took up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant and on motion voted to reconsider so much of the vote passed on the fourth day of March last past as fixed the price of Labour on the Highways at One Shilling per hour for man and for a Yoke of Oxen ———

——— Then voted to allow twenty cents per hour for a man - and twenty cents per hour for a Yoke of Oxen to work on the Highways ———

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant, and on motion Voted that the Selectmen be Bridge Committee for the Ensuing Year—

On Motion Voted to choose an Auditor for the present Year. by nomination Then by nomination chose James W White, Auditor who declined Serving and was by Vote Excused.

By Nomination chose W D Wheler Auditor. who declined Serving and was by Vote Excused—

By nomination chose Winthrop Faulkner Auditor who declined Serving. and was by Vote Excused—

By nomination chose A. M. Bigelow Auditor for the Year Ensuing— Sworn April 9th 1867. By Town Clerk

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Voted to fill the Vacancy in the Board of Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery. Occasioned by the death of E B Knowlton

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By Ballot. chose S A Knowles. Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery in place of E B Knowlton Deceased—

Took up the Eighth article in the Warrant The Annual School Committee presented their Printed Report which was accepted. as Printed (See files).

Took up the ninth article in the Warrant. The Trustees of River Side Cemetery presented their Annual Report which was accepted as follows—

Trustees of the River Side Cemetery in Act with Town of Grafton.

1866 March 3d	By Cash on hand as Reported		$ 298 13
	By Cash Rec for Lots Sold		70.26
June 30	" " Rec of Jon S Fish for Timber		6.10

Dec 3.	By Cash of E Saunders for hard. Pine Trees.	50.00
" "	" of Chas A Price for Lumbr	10 97
"	" Luke F Allen for Wood	11 00
		$356.46

1866 June 15th	To Cash paid John Daniels Twenty five dollars	25.00
" Sept 25	" " " John Daniels thirty dollars	30.00
" Dec 25	" " " John Daniels Twenty five dollars	25.00
" " "	" " " Mr Brigham for drawing wood	1 25
Jan 22	" " E Saunders. for work	10,50
" 23	" " " E Saunders " "	10 50
		$102 25
	Balance Due	$254,21
		$356,46

Grafton April 1st 1867

Respectfully Submitted.

Rufus. E. Warren. Treasurer.

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Took up the tenth Article in the Warrant. The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery, Submitted their Annual Report which was accepted as follows. Viz.

The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery Town of Grafton Respectfully Submit the following as their Annual Report for the Year Ending March 4th 1867

Cash in hands of Treasurer March 4th 66.	$58,90
" Received from Sundry Persons	187.81
Total	$246,71
" Paid Sundry Persons	153 16
Balance in hands of Treasurer	$ 93,55

Resources

Cash in hands of Treasurer	$9355
" Due from Sundry persons	37,43
	$130,98

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

R D Chase Treasurer

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Took up the fifth Article in the Warrant.
The Report of the Overseers of the Poor. which was Printed with the Reports of Other Town Officers and presented to the Town on the fourth day of March last. and re-committed to them. was by vote of the Town Accepted as Printed without amendment or Alteration. as follows - (viz)

Report of the Overseers of the Poor—

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Grafton respectfully Submit to the inhabitants of Said Town, their Annual Report for the Year Ending March 1st 1867 as follows - (viz -

Amt. of Personal Property on Town Farm February 19th 1866

As per Inventory	3,780.07
Interest on Real Estate	360,00
Agents Salary	500,00
Expenses on Farm for Stock	926.50
" " for Labor Exclusive of Agts Salary	431,12.
Paid for Cutting Wood	103.54
" " Putting Eve Troughs & Conductors on Barn	56 40
" " Repairs on House & Barn.	4033
" S Carroll for Sawing Lumber	3228
" Expenses on Farm for boarding, clothing, Medical Attendance, fertilizirs and all Contingent Expenses for House & Farm	1046 80
	$7277.04

Amt. of Personal Property on hand Feb 19th 1867
as per Inventory $4,825.43

Amt of Buf. Pork and Stock Sold	1054.92
Other Produce Sold	910 14
Wood and Timber Sold	672 05
Labor for men and team on Highways	490,00
Rec of Sol Harrington for Board of Caroline Harrington	60,00
	$8.017.54

Leaving a Surplus above Supporting the Poor the last Year at the Farm of $740.50

Whole number Supported on the Farm the past Year 7
" " Assisted 121
" " Number of Weeks 169

Cost of Supporting Paupers off the Farm the last Year as follows

Paid for Support of Betsy Flagg	$45,00
" Fare of Mrs Sweeny and Children to Monson	2,80
" Assisting Mrs Julia Callahan	26,13
" " Marie Byron	4,00
" Support of Hannah Johnson	104,00
" City of Chelsea for Assisting John P Thornton	10,00
" Expenses of Peter Labre to Monson	6,05
" Sawing Wood for Sally and Abigail Phillips	3,50
" Assisting Samuel Hatch and Family	17,44
" Support of Deborah Warren	16,00
" " Charles McShuman	13,00
" Assisting Macullar Lambert	2,00
" Guiding John Brien to Monson	9,75
" State for Support of William Brimblecom at Rainsford Island Hospital	20,67
" Assisting John Mowry	11,50
" " N B Temple	18,18
" Support of James A Hogan	78,00
" Assisting John T Howe Family	12,00
" Funeral Expenses of John T Howe	13,50
" " " Cordelia Dunnain	10,50
" Assisting Mrs P Horan	14,00
" " John Aldrich	8,00
" " Mrs Watts	3,92
" " Traveling Poor	6,35
" Expenses of E P Dennis in looking up Settlements of Paupers	16,49
	$746,60
Paid Overseers Services	125,00
" William F Slocum Legal Services	10,00
" 300 Blanks & Printing	7,50
" Paupers Registers	11,00
" Stationary and Postage	3,00
	$903,10

Received from State for Support of Hannah Johnson	$104 00
" Due from State	7506
" from the City of Worcester	3045
Due from the City of Worcester	1400
" from the Town of Hopkinton	1818
Received from the Town of Princeton	66,50
" Surplus from Farm	74040
	$1048 57

Surplus above all Expenses for Supporting Poor the past Year $145 49

Valuation of Town Farm	$6000,00
" Personal Property. as per Schedule	4825.43
	$10. 825,43

Inmates of the Almshouse

The number of Persons who have been inmates of the Almshouse the past Year is Seven. Two have died Two have been discharged. The present number is three

We have re-engaged the Services of Mr and Mrs Warren Sanders at a Salary of Six hundred dollars (600) they to furnish all help in the House at their own Expense. We have been much pleased with the management of the Farm and Almshouse the past Year. Perhaps in Justice to the Farm we should say that had we charged full price for the teams from the Farm that worked on the Highways, there would have been Something more than One hundred dollars more to the credit of the Farm. But as it was Only taking it Out of One pocket and putting it into the Other, we let them go at a less price -

Respectfully Submitted

E P Dennis
L H Bigelow
} Overseers of the Poor

Grafton February 19th 1867

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Took up the 21st Article in the Warrant

The Committee to whom was refered the Subject Matter of this Article on the fourth day of March last past. Submitted the following Report which was by vote accepted -

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton

Gentlemen

The Committee to whom was refered the matter of the purchase of the High School Building and Land by the Town, have Attended to their duty and report as follows -

The Property now Owned by the High School Association consists of About 3/8 of an acre of Land with a Building 30 x 50 two Stories High, besides a very good Basement or Cellar. the lower floor is now used by the Town for a High School Room at an Annual rent of two hundred dollars ($200.) per Year. it is well adapted to the purpose, being furnished with Desks and Chairs of Modern Style Sufficient to Accommodate (70) Seventy Scholars -

The Upper room or Hall is the full Size of the Building (less the Entry & a Small Anteroom) and is furnished with a Desk (23) Twenty three Settees. (6) Six Chairs (6) Six Lamps 1 Stove &c &c.

The Hall is now Leased by the Association at ($100) One hundred dollars per Year to the Welcome Lodge of Good Templars which Lease will Expire with a Sale of the Property. But we Understand that the Lodge would most likely wish to renew upon the same terms if the Town Should purchase - The Building is in good repair. The fence is in bad Shape and will have to be reset before long. The Committee of the Association who are duly Authorised to Sell either at public or private Sale, Offer the Property to the Town for the Sum of three five hundred dollars ($3500.) Cash. This includes Every thing both real and personal, also a Policy of Insurance

for two thousand Dollars ($2000-) having five Years to run from Dec. 1st 1866 and which is worth today nearly fifty Dollars ($50-) They Also assure us that if the Town do not wish to purchase at the above price, they shall very soon Sell the Property at Public Auction. We are of the Opinion that the Property is worth what the Owners ask for it, and that it would be wise policy on the part of the Town to purchase it. We therefore recommend that a Committee be chosen with full power to purchase the same for the Town at a price not Exceeding thirty five hundred dollars-($3500-).

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

W D Wheeler
S A Knowles } Committee

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

On Motion Voted that the same Committee which has just reported on the purchase of the High School Building and Land be Authorised to purchase the Same for the Town according to the Suggestions and recommendations of their Report and to do all things necessary and proper for the full and perfect completion of the purchase and Securing a title to the Town of the Same-

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At three Oclock Adjourned for One hour for the purpose of taking up and acting on a New Warrant after which met according to adjournment and transacted the following business under the Warrant for the Annual Meeting - viz

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Took up the fourth Article in the Warrant. and on Motion of W Faulkner it was Voted that the Treasurer be Enquired of as to where the Records of the Treasury are

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On Motion of W D Wheeler it was voted to reconsider the Vote passed March 4th 1867 whereby the Report of the Treasurer was accepted as Printed -

After considerable discussion as to the matter and manner of passing the Funds of the town from the hands of the Treasurer for 1865 to the hands of the Treasurer of 1866. (It appearing that the Records and Books had not passed from the hands of the Treasurer for 1865 to the hands of the Treasurer for 1866) It was voted that the Report of the Treasurer for 1866. be accepted as printed. and that the present Board of Selectmen be Authorised to procure of the former Treasurer. the Old Books belonging to the Treasury. and deliver them to the present Treasurer. and that the Account of the past Year be copied into the Old Book -

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On Motion of Winthrop Faulkner it was voted that hereafter when the Selectmen Settle with the Treasurer he be required to deposit his Books in the Towns safe for the new Treasurer -

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Took up the 22d Article in the Warrant and on motion of J. B Adams it was voted that the Selectmen procure a Suitable Lockup -

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Took up the 12th Article in the Warrant. and on motion of W D Wheeler it was voted to reconsider the Vote passed on the fourth day of March last passed whereby the town raised Sixteen thousand dollars by Tax on the Polls and Estate of the Town for town purposes. the currint Year

Then voted that the Sum of twelve Thousand Dollars be raised by Tax On the Polls and Estates of the town to defray town Charges the Ensuing Year -

See Page 515

Voted to make an additional appropriation of two hundred dollars for common Schools the ensuing year -

See Page 675

Took up the 13th Article in the Warrant and On Motion of W D. Wheeler. it was Voted to reconsider the Vote passed on the fourth day of March last past. whereby the collecting of Taxes for the present year was put up at Auction. to the lowest bidder

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On Motion of W D Wheeler it was Voted to Allow the Collector One percent for collecting the Taxes for the current year -

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On Motion of John W Slocomb it was Voted that in the future the Selectmen be required to make a more detailed report. -

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Voted to dissolve this Meeting -

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the first day of April next at three Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles to Wit

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Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting

Art 2d To See if the Town will authorise the Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town or act thereon—

Art 3d To See if the Town will authorise the issue of Bonds the proceeds thereof to be applied in payment of any present or future liabilities of the Town and if so to fix the rate of interest, times when payable and where or act thereon as petitioned for by W D Wheeler and Others—

Art 4th To See if the Town will take any measures to Suppress the Illegal Sale and use of Intoxicating Liquors within the Town as petitioned for by Joseph B Adams and Others.

Art 5 To See if the Town will Enlarge School District No Seven by adding thereto a part of District No One and a part of District No. Two or act thereon

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And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting—

Hire of Jail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid —

Given under Our hands this twenty first day of March in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Seven

S E Howe
Chas C Wood
Charles Fowler
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. March 23 A D 1867

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested Copies thereof at the Post Offices in the Centre of the Town New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders ville as therein directed. Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy of Warrant and Constables return

Attest

James M White Town Clerk

Grafton April 1st 1867

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton. and Transacted the following business. viz-

1st By Ballot chose William F Slocum Moderator —

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and on motion voted to Authorise the Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town under the direction of the Selectmen —

Took up the third Article in the warrant and on motion of W D Wheeler. Submitted in writing

It was Voted that the Treasurer and Selectmen issue Coupon Bonds of the Town to an Amount not Exceeding Eight Thousand dollars payable as follows viz. One Thousand Dollars on the first day of January A D 1870. and One Thousand dollars on the first day of January 1872. and One Thousand dollars on Each alternate first day of January until the whole are paid with interest at Six per cent Semi Annually. payable at the Shoe and Leather National Bank - Boston

On Motion Voted that the Treasurer and Selectmen prepare Coupon Bonds in such denominations as they shall determine, and that the Inhabitants of the Town have the privilege of taking them at Par for thirty days after due notice of the same before they are offered at Other places.

Took up the fourth Article in the Warrant and on Motion of J. B. Adams it was Voted that the Selectmen and Constables, cooperate with the State Constables for the Suppression of the Illegal Sale and Use of Intoxicating Liquors within the Town -

Took up the fifth Article in the Warrant and after a Short discussion of its merits it was Voted to pass over the Article

Then dissolved the meeting -

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 19th 1867

At a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held on this nineteenth day of April AD 1867. the following persons were appointed to Office in said Town of Grafton for the year Ensuing and until Others are chosen or appointed in their Stead. in accordance with the provisions of the General Statutes of Massachusetts and in accordance with a vote of the Town passed March fourth AD 1867.

viz

For Engineers for Fire Department

Walter Foreland
Simeon E Crumb
George R Brown
G H C Mansfield
Summer Packard
S A Knowles
George F Slocomb
Horace S Warren
Henry F Wing
Silas Brinton
Wm G Scandlin
Silas E Howe

For Measurers of Wood and Bark

James W White Sworn April 20th 1867 By Henry F Wing Justice of the Peace
S A Knowles. L H Bigelow Appointed & Sworn July 13th 1867 By J W White Town Clerk
C. C. Wood
E O Lindley
G C Taft.
Ezekiel Fowler Sworn April 20th 1867 By Jas W White Town Clerk
George R Brown
James A Morse

For Weighers of Coal

Samuel Harrington
Geo R Nichols
G C Taft.
E O Lindley
James A Morse

For Sextons

N E D. Henry K Cady accepted
Chas James Gleason

For Surveyor of Leather

James W McKenzie Sworn Feb 15th 1868 By James W White Town Clerk

For Sealer of Weights & Measures

James W White. Sworn April 20th 1867 By H F Wing Justice of the Peace

Liquor Agents Appointment

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton. at a Meeting held for that purpose on Monday the Sixth day of May A D 1867. did Appoint J Frank Searle of Said Grafton. an Agent for Said Town to purchase Intoxicating Liquors and to Sell the Same within, for and on Account of Said Town of Grafton. to be used in the Arts. or for Medicinal. Chemical and Mechanical purposes. and no Others for one Year from the first Monday in May A D 1867 Unless Sooner removed from Said Agency-

Now if the Said J Frank Searle Shall in all respects conform to the provisions of Law relating to the business for which he is Appointed and to Such rules and regulations as now are or Shall from time to time be established by the Board of Selectmen making the Appointment. then this Appointment to remain in full force. Otherwise to be Void. The place for the Sale of the Liquors aforesaid to be in the Post Office Building in the centre of the Town of Grafton-

Grafton May 6th 1867

I E Stowe
Chas C Wood
Charles Fowler
} Selectmen of Grafton

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Know all Men. That We J Frank Seare as Principal. and Cyrus W Stratton and Seth J Axtell as Sureties are holden and Stand firmly bound to the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the Sum of Six hundred dollars to be paid unto them their Successors or Assigns to which payment we bind Ourselves Our Heirs. Executors and Administrators. Jointly and Severally firmly by these presents.

Sealed with Our Seals and dated this Sixth day of May A D 1867.

The Condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas. the above bounden J Frank Seare has been duly Appointed an Agent for the Town of Grafton to purchase intoxicating Liquors. and to Sell the Same within. for and On Account of Said Town to be used in the Arts, or for Medicinal. Chemical and Mechanical purposes and no Other until the fourth day of May A D 1868. Unless Sooner removed from Said Agency-

Now if the Said J Frank Seare. Shall in all respects conform to the provisions of Law relating to the business for which he is Appointed, and to Such rules and regulations as now are, or Shall from time to time be established by the board making the appointment then this Obligation to be void. Otherwise to remain in full force-

Executed and delivered in presence of
James W White
Joseph K Axtell

J Frank Seare L S
C W Stratton L S
Seth J Axtell L S

Accepted May 6th 1867. C C Wood Clerk of the Selectmen

RecSB $1.00

A Copy. Recvd May 6th A D 1867
James W White Town Clerk

W S R
$100

Know All Men by These Presents That We James W White of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Principal and Jonathan D Wheeler and Benjamin K Moulton of Said Grafton as Sureties are holden and firmly bound to Said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorney in the Sum of twenty thousand dollars. for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves and Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents.

Sealed with Our Seals and dated this first day of April in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Seven.

The condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas the Said James W White has bun chosn Collector of Taxes for Said Town of Grafton for the current Year. and has accepted that Office and bun duly Sworn to the discharge of the dutis of the Same. Now if the Said James W White Shall as Collector aforesaid faithfully Collect account for and pay Over all the Taxes which he Shall be legally required to collect, And Also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the Other Legal duties of the aforesaid Office. Then this Obligation Shall be void. Otherwise Shall remain in full force and virtue

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
David White
Russell Tinker

James W White L S
Jon^{a} D Wheeler L S
B K Moulton L S

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Shrewsbury May 6th 1867

The Selectmen of the towns of Shrewsbury and Grafton met this day at 1 Oclock P M. Perambulated the lines and renewed the marks between said towns, according to the Law of the Commonwealth —

Thomas Rice, A M Houghton — Selectmen of Shrewsbury

S E Howe, Charles Fowler — Selectmen of Grafton.

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk —

Grafton Sept 12th 1867

This is to certify that we the undersigned Selectmen of the town of Grafton in company with the Selectmen of the town of Sutton, have this day perambulated the lines between said towns and have found the monuments and bounds correct and in good Order

Chas C Wood, Charles Fowler — Selectmen of Grafton

James Taylor, Lewis Diggs — Selectmen of Sutton

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk of Grafton

Grafton October 12th 1867

Soldiers Monument Dedicated this day —

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, On Tuesday the fifth day of November next at nine O'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorny General of the Commonwealth, And for a Councillor for the Third Councillor District and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District, and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, and for a County Treasurer for the County of Worcester, and for a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester, and for a Representative to represent the twelfth Representative District in Worcester County in the General Court, to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next,

The votes for all the above Officers will be received Open and unfolded on One ballot or in Sealed Envelopes on Separate Ballots as best Suits the Voter, Each vote to Specify the Office voted for

The Polls will be Open to receive the votes for the above Officers at ten Oclock A M and may be closed at twelve Oclock M

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant, by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England

Village Farnums ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least bfore the time of holding Said Meeting-

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under Our hands this twenty fourth day of October in the year Of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Seven

S E Stowe
Chas C Wood
Charles Fowler
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton November 5th 1867.

I have Served the foregoing warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town- and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders village Seven days at least bfore the time of holding Said Meeting

~~A True Copy~~
~~Attest~~

~~S. Dis~~ Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

November 5th A D 1867

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Tuesday the fifth day of November A D 1867 it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in Said month The Meeting was called to Order by S. E. Stowe Chairman of the Selectmen at the appointed time and on Motion of James W White it was Voted that the Polls be closed at three Oclock this afternoon, The Votes having been given in, Sorted, Counted, Recorded and declared in Open Meeting. And the returns made out and Sealed up according to Law were for the following persons as Set against their Several names

The Whole Number of Votes for Governor was five hundred Sixty nine 569

Alexander H Bullock of Worcester had three hundred thirty Eight Votes 338

John Quincy Adams of Quincy had two hundred thirty One Votes 231

The Whole Number of Votes for Lieutenant Governor was five hundred Sixty nine 569

William Claflin of Newton had three hundred thirty nine Votes. 339

George M Stearns of Chicopee had two hundred thirty Votes. 230

The Whole Number of Votes for Secretary of the Commonwealth was five hundred Seventy two 572

Oliver Warner of Northampton had three hundred forty two Votes. 342

Charles Brimblecom of Barre had two hundred twenty nine Votes - 229

James W McKenzie had One Vote 1

The whole number of Votes for Treasurer and Receiver General was five hundred Seventy - 570

Jacob H Loud of Plymouth had three hundred forty One Votes. 341

Harvy Arnold of Adams had two hundred twenty nine Votes - 229

The whole number of votes for Auditor of Accounts was five hundred Seventy One. 571

Henry L Briggs of Pittsfield had three hundred forty three votes- 342

Arthur F Devereux of Roxbury had two hundred twenty nine votes- 229

The whole Number of votes for Attorney General was five hundred Seventy 570

Charles. Allen of Boston had three hundred forty two votes 342

William Endicott of Salem had two hundred twenty Eight votes. 228

The whole number of votes for Councellor for District No 3. was three hundred forty three 343

Thomas Rice Jr of Brookline had One hundred twenty Seven votes 127

Thomas Rice Jr of Newton had two hundred fifteen votes- 215

The whole No of votes for Senator. for the Second Worcester District was five hundred forty six 546

Jonathan D Wheeler of Grafton had three hundred thirty three votes- 333

William F Slocum of Grafton had two hundred nine votes- 209

W H Knowlton had two votes 2
H S Warren had One vote 1
Isaiah Ripley had One vote 1

The whole No of Votes for County Commissioner was. five hundred Seventy two 572

J. Warren Bigelow of Rutland had three hundred forty three Votes 343

William W Holmes of Webster had two hundred twenty nine votes — 229

The whole No of Votes for County Treasurer was five hundred Seventy One 571

Charles A Chase of Worcester had three hundred forty four Votes. 344

Levi Heywood of Gardner had two hundred twenty seven Votes — 227

The whole No of Votes for Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester was five hundred Sixty Eight 568

Alexander H Wilder of Worcester had three hundred forty Votes 340

A. H. Ward of Worcester had two hundred twenty Eight Votes — 228

The whole No of Votes for Representative to represent the twelfth District in Worcester County in General Court was five hundred Seventy One 571

J H Wood of Grafton had three hundred twenty two Votes. 322

Alvin Hinshaw of Shrewsbury had two hundred forty nine Votes 249

Grafton Novmber. 6th A D 1867

Pursuant to the provisions of the Statute in such case made and provided the Town Clerks of the Towns of Shrewsbury and Grafton met at the Town Hall in Said Grafton this Sixth day of November A D 1867, at twelve Oclock M. and having diligently compared the votes of each town found that Alvin Henshaw of Shrewsbury had three hundred Sventy five votes 375

J. H. Wood of Grafton had four hundred Sixty votes and was Elected 460

James W White Town Clerk Grafton

Grafton Nov 18 1867.

My Attention was this day called to the fact, that Jonathan Warren had caused the drive-way passing the North Side of Warrens Block So called and the north Side of the Congregational Meeting House and Southerly of the Sheds belonging to the Same to be Obstructed by a fence across the Same, with a request from said Jonathan Warren that I make a Record of the fact that Said driveway was fenced in - with which request I herewith comply

James W White Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Worcester ss.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Worcester held at Worcester within and for the County of Worcester on the Second Tuesday of September A D 1867. and by adjournment on Wednesday the Second day of October A D 1867.

Whereas the Undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Grafton Respectfully Represent, that a large part of So much of the New Road (So called) leading from Grafton Common to Worcester as lies in the Town of Grafton is without Sufficient Bounds to indicate the correct limits of Said Road. And by using and repairing Said road land has been trespassed upon of Owners bounding upon the Same. We therefore pray the County Commissioners to view and locate anew Such portion of Said road as is in the Town of Grafton. And to locate Said road as nearly in accordance with the present traveled way as may be proper—

S E Stowe
Chas C Wood
Charles Fowler
} Selectmen of Grafton—

Grafton March 28th 1867

On the Petition aforesaid aforesaid Ordered that Notice be given to all Persons and Corporations interested therein that Said Commissioners would meet at the Town Hall in Grafton in Said County on Tuesday the Eleventh day of June A D 1867 at Nine of the clock in the forenoon. by publishing an Attested copy of Said Petition and of this Order thereon in the Worcester Palladium, a Newspaper printed in the City of Worcester in Said County. three weeks Successively. the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the day last aforesaid—

And it is further Ordered that the Sheriff of Said County or his Deputy Serve the Town Clerk

of Said Town of Grafton with an Attested Copy of Said Petition and Order thirty days at least. and also post up an Attested Copy thereof in two public places in Said Town of Grafton fourteen days at least before the day last aforesaid. at which time and place the Said Commissioners will proceed to view the road Set forth in Said Petition. to hear all persons and corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard thereon. and if they shall adjudge that the prayer of Said Petition Ought to be granted. then to locate anew Said road over the route above discribed. and to assess all such damages as any person or corporation may sustain by the re Location and construction of the road aforesaid and to do whatever Else may legally be done in the premises.

The County Commissioners having met at the time and place and for the purposes before mentioned and having in Company with the Selectmen of Said Grafton and the Abutters on the road. viewed the route Set forth in Said Petition. and having heard All persons and corporations interested therein who Expressed a desire to be heard thereon Considered and adjudged that the prayer of Said Petition Ought to be granted and that common convinience and necessity require that the road Set forth in Said Petition. be located anew with alterations. and that the boundaries thereof be established

The County Commissioners proceeded forthwith no Objections being made thereto to lay Out and locate anew as hereafter described. to wit.

Commencing the location on the North-Easterly Side line of the location at a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the Ground. and Numbered 1- Standing on the North Side of the common in Grafton and bearing from the South west corner of the Congregational Church in Grafton South 89½° West and is 143 links distant therefrom.

Said Monument is 4 feet 9½ inches from the Southwest corner of Warrens Block so called in Grafton. Thence in Grafton, on the North Easterly Side line North 7° West 45 rods 11 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 2. Monument No 2 is in the front Yard of Mrs Hannah Wood. From Monument No 1 to Monument No 2 on the North Easterly Side, at the Northerly End a Small portion of the Location is over the front Yard of Mrs Hannah Wood as the Same now Stands. the rest of the location is Over Said Grafton and Worcester Road

Thence North 8° West 6 Rods 18 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 3. Monument No 3 is by land of Georg W Babcock and Hiram Furnald. On the Southerly Side a Small portion of location is Over land of S Davis Hall, - rest is Over Said County road. - Thence North 10° 30' West 4 rods 20 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 4. Monument No 4 is by land of Hiram Furnald and Richard R Crane. Thence North 14° West 7 rods 17 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 5. from Monument No 3 to to Monument No 5 a Small portion on Northerly line on Northerly End is over land of Richard R Crane - rest is Over Said Old road. Thence North 17° 30' West 7 rods. 3 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground, and numbered Six. Thence North 26° west 10 rods 9 links to a hole drilled in a Stone monument imbedded in the ground and Numbered 6½ Thence Same course 62 rods 8 links to a hole drilled in a Stone monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 7. From Monument No 5 to Monument No 7 the Location as the fence now Stands on the northerly Side is Over

Land of Jonathan Warren. West is Over Said County road. Thence North 27° 15' West 36 rods 5 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and Numbered 8. Monument No 8. is at the Junction of the Carroll and Grafton and Worcester Roads. Thence North 29° West 21 rods 18 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbred ~~Nine~~ 9 Monument No 9 is by land of Richard Odlam.

Thence North 31° West. 24 rods 17 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbred 10 by Land of Richard Odlam. Thence North 35° 15' west 41 rods to a hole drilled in in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbred 11 Monument No 11 is by the South East Corner of Door Yard of Zebidee Mason

Thence North 38° 45' West 14 rods to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the Ground and numbred 12 by South West Corner of Said Masons front Yard. Thence North 49° 30' West 10 rods 10 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbred 13 Standing by the Bar Way north West of the Brook. from Monument No 7 to Monument No 13 the location is Wholly over Said Grafton road. Thence North 53° 15' West 13 rods 10 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbred 14. Thence North 43 West. 6 rods 18 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbred 15. Thence North 30° West. 6 rods. 9 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbred 16. Thence North 18° 30' West. 31 rods 2 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbred 17. From Monument No 13 to Monument No 17 Sweat just of the location on the North Easterly Side as the fence now Stands is on Land of Zebidee Mason - ~~west~~ is ove

Said County road (County) Thence North 25° 30' West 23 rods Seven links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and Numbered 18. Standing on the north side of the Town road leading up into the Wood,

Thence North 29° West 13 rods 21 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 19. Standing just north of Stone Steps leading up to the House of Isaac Mason.

Thence North 41° West 9 rods 20 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument, imbedded in the ground and numbered 20. Thence North 52° 30' West. 36 rods 9 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument, imbedded in the ground and Numbered 21 Thence North 63° West. 8 rods 23 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument, imbedded in the ground and Numbered 22 Standing on the West Bank of Blackstone River just north of the Arch Bridge.

The location from Monument N° 19 to Monument N° 22 is Over Said County road - as now fenced.

Thence North 51° West. 8 rods to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument, imbedded in the ground and numbered 23. Thence North 15° 30' West. 8 rods. 20 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument, imbedded in the ground and numbered 24.—

Thence North 41° West. 4 rods 11 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument, imbedded in the ground and numbered 25. From Monument N° 22 to Monument N° 25 the location on the Southerly Side is Over land of Edmond F. Wheeler, not Over Said County road. Thence North 38° West 9 rods 2 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument, imbedded in the ground and numbered 26

Thence North 30° 30' West. 32 rods 22 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument, imbedded in the Ground and numbered 27 Thence North 29° 15' West. 26 rods 15 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 29. No 28 is wanting—

Thence North 22° 30' West. 12 rods 14 links to a Stone marked on the top 30 and is an Original bound. and is 5 feet and 2 inches from the South West corner of Marshall Mills' Barn. The location from N° 25 to Monument N° 30 is Over Said County road. Thence North 15° 45' West. 14 rods 11 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 31 by land of Henry Cady. Thence North 11° West. 3 rods 15 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and Numbered 32. Thence North 7° 30' West 14 rods 10 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and Numbred thirty three Standing on land of Josiah Smith. Thence North 7° West 15 rods 5 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and Numbred 34 at South corner of land of — Thayer. Thence North 30° 30' West. 13 rods 5 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and Numbred 35. by land of J D Wheeler. Thence North 2° 15 west 10 rods. 3 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 36. Standing at north corner of front Yard of Capt Robert Mowry-

Thence North 2° East. 7 rods 7 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered ~~Hirty Seven~~ 37 Thence North 4° 30' East 5 rods 14 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 38 Standing on the north corner of land of Baldwin. and bears from the South west corner of the main Building of Quinsigamond Hotel in New England Village, South 44° 45' West and is four Rods and three links distant thereFrom. Thence North 19° 30 West 5 rods 21 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 39. Standing on South East corner of front yard of Alfred Duinham- and on the west Side of the road leading to the rail road-

Thence N. 67° 30' West. 3 rods 20 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 40. Standing on the South west corner of Front Yard of Alfred Dunham.

Thence North 66° West. 5 rods 1 link to a hole drilled in a Ston Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 41. by land of Walter Carrington—

Thence North 56° 30' West. 13 rods 23 links to a hole drilled in a Ston Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 42. at South West corner of Land of John Putnam. From Ston Monument № 30 to Monument № 42. the location is Over Said County road. as the Fence now Stands—

Thence North 59° West. 17 rods 7 links to a hole drilled in a Ston Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 43 at Junction of Westboro and Worcester Roads— Thence North 70° 30' West 12 Rods to a hole drilled in a Ston Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 44—

Thence North 74° 45' West 50 rods 3 links to a hole drilled in a Ston Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 45. from Monument № 43 to Monument № 45 a Small portion of the location on the Southerly Side is Over land of Asa F. Smith, rest Over Said County road

Thence North 72° West 12 rods. 17 links to a hole drilled in a Ston Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 46. by land of Elliot Barber

Thence North 69° West. 15 rods 6 links to a hole drilled in a Ston Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 47. Thence North 74° 15 west. 6 rods 2 links to a hole drilled in a Ston Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 48. Thence North 77° West. 5 rods 6 links to a hole drilled in a Ston Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 49. by East Bar way to Lane leading to the House of Elliot Barber

Thence Due West 5 rods 22 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and Numbered 50. by double Wall of Elliot Barber.

The location from Monument No 45 to Monument No 50 is Over Said County road. Thence South 75° 30' West 6 rods and 8 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 51. Thence South 68° 30' West 41 rods 9 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and Numbered 52. On land of Elliot Barber 4 feet North East of an Elm Tree. From Monument No 50 to Monument No 52 on North Side a Small portion of location is Over land of Elliot Barber. On South Side over land Of O'Neil. rest Over Said County road.

Thence South 79° 30' West 7 rods 16 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 53. by Barn Yard of Martin Jacobs.

Thence South 89° West 27 rods 19 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and Numbered 54. From Monument No 52 to Monument No 54 the location on South Side a Small portion is Over land of Martin Jacobs. the rest is Over Said County road

Thence North 86° West 20 rods 20 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 55. by Grafton Town Farm House.

Thence North 81° 30' West 146 rods 16 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 56. Monument No 56 is On the line between the towns of Grafton and Millbury and Stands beside a Stone Monument marked on the East Side - G. on the West Side M. and is the Monument between the Towns of Grafton and Millbury. From Monument No 54 to Monument No 56 the location is Over Said County road -

And the above described County Road from Stone Monument No 1 to Stone Monument No 56. is laid and located 3 rods Wide on the Southerly and South Eastrly Side of Said Northerly and

Northeasterly Side line and Meths and Monuments-
thereon Standing and adjoining thereto with the following
Exceptions to wit Ston Monument No 13 the location
is 3 rods and 19 links wide running to 3 rods wide
at Monuments No 14 and 12. From Monument No 36
the location 3 rods wide running to 3 rods. 9 links
wide at Monument No 37. From 3 rods. 9 inches wide
at 37 to 5 rods wide at No 38 From 5 rods wide at
Monument No 38 running to 6 rods 10 links wide at
Monument No 39 From 6 rods 10 links wide at
Monument No 39 running to 5½ rods at Monument No 40
From 5½ rods wide at No 40 running to 3 rods wide
at Monument No 41 –

And the County Commissioners having heard all
parties and Corporations interested in relation to
damages. who Expressed a desire to be heard thereon
considered and adjudged that the following Sum be
paid by the County of Worcester to Edmond F Wheler
as full compensation for all damages which he will
sustain by the relocation with alteration of road as
aforesaid. the Sum of fifteen dollars –

A Copy. Attest John A Dana Asst Clerk

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A Copy Received at 3h 50m P. M. November 6th A D 1867.
Attest

James W White Town Clerk –

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Worcester ss.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Worcester begun and holden at Worcester within and for the County of Worcester on the fourth Tuesday of December A D 1867 and by adjournment on Monday the Seventeenth day of February A D 1868

Whereas Upon the petition of Benjamin W Fay and 13 Others making application to said Commissioners that they Should alter or discontinue the Highway hereinafter described, or Such portions thereof as public convenience and necessity Should require, and that Said Commissioners Should direct Specific repairs to be made on Such Other parts of Said Highway as public convenience Should require. Said road being a portion of the County road leading from Westboro to Grafton Commencing near the house of Silas B Howe of Said Westboro, at a Stake and Stones on the Northwest Side of the road, Eight rods South of the Southeast Corner of Said Howes Barn. thence passing by the houses of Benjamin W Fay, Benjamin Aldrich and James G Putnam, to the division fence between the Lands of John M Davenport and James G Putnam in Said Grafton, Said fence being on the Easterly Side of Said road, and South of the house of Said Davenport. The whole length of the above described Highway being three and one half miles more or less.

The proceedings having been had thereon, it was considered and adjudged by Said County Commissioners, at a Meeting by them held on the third Tuesday of June A D 1867 it was considered and adjudged that So much of the route as is described in Said Petition Embraced between the following termini ought to be granted to wit. Commencing near the House of Silas B Howe in Said Westboro at a Stake and Stones on the Northwest Side of the road Eight rods South of the

South East corner of said Howes Barn. Thence in a Southwesterly direction in the Towns of Westboro and Grafton past the House of Benjamin W Fay to the Culvert Southwest of the house of said Benjamin W Fay.

That Public convenience and necessity demand the location and alteration of the Highway between the termini above described to wit commencing near the House of Silas B Howe in said Westboro. at a Stake and Stones on the north West side of the road Eight rods from the South East Corner of the Barn of said Howes. Thence Southwesterly through the towns of Westboro and Grafton past the House of Benjamin W Fay to the Culvert in the road Southwesterly of the house of Benjamin W Fay. It is thereupon Ordered that notice be given to all parties and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will hold a meeting at the House of Benjamin W Fay in Grafton in said County. On Monday the twenty Eighth day of October A D 1867 at One of the Clock in the afternoon. by publishing an Attested copy of said adjudication, and of this Order thereon in the Daily Spy, a newspaper printed in Worcester, in said County, Once in a week three weeks Successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the day last aforesaid. And it is further Ordered. that the Sheriff of said County Or his Deputy Serve the Town Clerks of the said Towns of Westboro and Grafton Each with an Attested Copy of said adjudication and Order thirty days at least. and also post up an Attested copy thereof in two public places in Each of said towns of Westboro and Grafton fourteen days at least before the day last aforesaid. at which time and place the said Commissioners will proceed to lay out locate and alter said Highway. and to hear all persons and corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard thereon and to assess such damages as any person or corporation may sustain by reason of location

and construction of said road as aforesaid, and to do whatever Else may legally be done in the premises—

The County Commissioners having met at the time and place, and for the purpose before mentioned and having viewed the route Set forth in the aforesaid adjudication, and having heard all persons and Corporations interested therein who expressed a desire to be heard thereon!

Proceeded, no objection being made thereto, to lay out & and locate a new County road, within the termini and over the route described in said adjudication to wit Commencing at a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 1. said Monument standing on the west Side of the location on the westerly Side of the County road leading from Westboro to Grafton, and on land of Silas B Howe and bears from the Southeast Corner of the barn of Silas B Howe South 7° 30' East and is 10 rods 13 links distant therefrom. Thence in Westboro &c. xxxx. —

Thence South 79° West, 3 rods 23 links to Stake No 76. Thence Same Course 3 rods 15 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 35; Stone Monument No 35 is On the line between the towns of Grafton and Westboro, From 2 rods west of Stone Monument No 32 to Stone Monument No 35 a small portion of location on both North and South Side as the fence now Stands is Over land of Jasper Fay, the rest of location is over Said Westboro and Grafton road. Thence in Grafton South 73° West, 4 rods to Stake No 78. Thence Same Course 2 rods 22 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 36.

Thence South 65° West 3 rods 8 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 37. Thence South 61° West 2 rods 20 links to a hole drilled in a Stone

Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 38. Thence South 59° West 3 rods 16 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 39. Thence South 51° West 3 rods 20 links to Stake No 83. Thence Same Course 4 rods 20 links to Stake No 84. Thence Same Course 4 rods 22 links to Stake No 85. Thence Same Course 4 rods. 20 links to Stake No 86. Thence Same Course 3 rods 11 links to Stake No 87. Thence Same Course 3 rods 1 link to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 40. Thence South 45° West 2 rods 22 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground, and numbered 41. From Stone Monument No 35 to Stone Monument No 41. The location is on the westerly side, partly over land of Jasper Fay the rest is Over Said Grafton and Westboro road. Thence South 44° West 2 rods 23 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 42. Thence South 46° West 3 rods. to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 43. Thence South 42° West. 3 rods 22 links to Stake No 92. Thence Same Course 4 rods 20 links to Stake No 93. Thence Same course 4 rods 6 links to Stake No 94. Thence Same Course 3 rods 24 links to Stake No 95 Thence Same course 2 rods 20 links to Stake No 96 Thence Same Course 2 rods 23 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 44. Thence South 40° West 1 rod 21 links to a hole drilled in a Rock numbered 45. Thence South 34° West 2 rods 3 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 46. Thence South 23° West 2 rods 5 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in

the ground and numbered 47. Thence South 24° West 2 rods. 2 links to Stake No 101. Thence Same Course 2 rods 17 links to Stake No 102 Thence Same Course 2 rods 17 links to Stake No 103 Thence Same Course 3 rods to Stake No 104. Thence Same course 3 rods 14 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 48. Thence South 28° 30' West 3 rods 10 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 49. Thence South 33° West 2 rods 5 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground, and numbered 50. Thence South 38° West 2 rods 18 Links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 51. From Stone Monument No 41 to Stone Monument No 51. the location is wholly ove land of Jasper Fay-

Thence South 45° West 2 rods 17 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 52. Thence South 57° West 2 rods 13 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 53. Thence South 56° West 3 rods. 5 links to a hole drilled in a Stone imbedded in the ground and numbered 54. Thence South 58° West 3 rods 2 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 55. Thence South 58° West 2 rods. 23 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground, and numbered 56. Thence South 63° West 3 rods 15 links to Stake No 114. Thence Same Course 2 rods 24 links to Stake No 115. Thence Same course 3 rods 4 links to Stake No 116. Thence Same course 4 rods to Stake No 117 Thence Same course 3 rods 12 links to Stake No 118 Thence Same course 2 rods 16 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 57. Thence South 68° West, 3 rods 7 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 58.

Stone Monument N° 58. is 2 rods 6n foot from the South East corner of B W Fays House. -
Thence South 80° West 3 rods 9 links to a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 59
Stone Monument N° 59. is South 62° West from a Beach Tree and is 6n rod from the center of said Beach Tree. Thence South 83° West 2 rods 22 links to Stake N° 121. Thence Same course 3 rods 11 links to Stake N° 122. Thence Same course 2 rods 20 links to Stake N° 123. Thence Same course 2 rods 17 links to Stake N° 124. Thence Sand course 3 rods 9 links to Stake N° 125 Thence Same course 6 rods 4 links to a hole drilled in a Stone Monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 60. Said Stone Monument N° 60. is at the westerly terminus of the location on land of B W Fay and just West of Stone Bridge. From 13 links East of Stake N° 108 to Stake 119 the location is partly over land of B W Fay. the rest is Over Said Westboro and Grafton road
From Stake N° 119. to Stone Monument N° 60 on the north Side and South Side as the fences now Stand, a Small portion of the location is over land of B W Fay the rest of location is over Said Westboro and Grafton road. Said road throughout its whole Extent is laid Out and located three rods. on the Southerly Side of the mutes and bounds afore discribed and adjoining thereto..
Said road in its whole length in Westboro is 277 rods and 12 links and in Grafton 160 rods and 8 links -
The County Commissioners having heard all persons and Corporations Entitled to damage who desired to be heard thereon. Considered and adjudged that the following Sums be paid to the Several persons hereinafter named in full compensation for all damages. which they will sustain by the location and construction of Said road. to wit
To B Town of Westboro the Sum of twenty dollars -

over

S. B. Ferguson of Westboro the Sum of fifty dollars, Dea Amos Goodale of Westboro the Sum of One hundred dollars, Jas Fay of Westboro the Sum of two hundred dollars, B W Fay of Grafton the Sum of Seventy five dollars—

And now it is Ordered that the Said towns of Grafton and Westboro cause the road aforesaid which is within the limits of the Said towns of Grafton & Westboro, to be worked, made and completed in the most faithful and workmanlike manner and as follows, to wit

The Said road must be thoroughly ploughed where ploughing is practicable, and be thoroughly cleared of Stones, Stumps, and roots. The top Soil where it is unsuitable for making a hard and permenant road must be removed out of the travelled way, or may be used in Embankment, if it be so placed as not to be within twelve inches of the Surface of the road when finished. Where the materials within the travelled part of the road are unsuitable for making a hard and durable road, and the Sub-Soil under the Same is of a loamy or Clayey character a top covering of at least Eight inches of good gravel or Some Other good material (the best that can be Obtained in the vicinity whether within or without the location of the road) will be required over the whole width of 20 feet for the travelled part of the road—

Where the Subsoil is Sand. the Said travelled part of the road after being properly graded, must be uniformly Covered over its whole width with a coat of Loam four inches thick and afterwards with a top covering of Eight inches of good gravel or Some Other good material Spread Evenly over its whole Surface. Said road must be Judiciously crowned from the Exterior of the Sides of the travelled part thereof to its center to the hight of 15 inches— And the travelled part thereof must be worked to the width of 20 feet Exclusive of the Side Slopes

And of the ditches. So that Carriages and teams may pass with Safety and convenience over any and Every part of the 20 feet aforesaid.

The said traveled part of the road must be worked in the centre of and parallel to its location without any regard to the additional width laid out for materials in constructing the road. Except near its angles which must be judiciously rounded so as to render its turnings as gradual and Easy as practicable. In grading the road care must be Exercised to avoid unnecessary undulations, and in no instance can an angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road be allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter mentioned—

The Side ditches where they are needed must be constructed entirely without the traveled part of the road of 20 feet as aforesaid, and must be made by sloping from the Exterior line of the traveled part of said road two and a half feet, at an angle of twenty four degrees, or two and a half feet Slope to One foot rise, to be measured horizontally with the base or cord line of the Crown of the road. They must be worked parallel with the centre line or longetudinal Axis of the traveled part of the road without unnecisary curvitures in their direction, and must gradually descend with a Smooth even Surface in the direction of the road towards the point of discharge in Such manner that no water can permanently Stand by the road Side. Over Swamps or meadow land, where the road is made by Embankment and is liable from its weight to Settle or Sink through the mud, the Side ditch will in no instance be allowed

On Side hills where the road is made partly by Embankment and partly by Excavation the road must be crowned in manner before mentioned from the Edge of the inner Slope of the ditch on the uphill Side to the centre, and from thence to the Exterior or down hill Side must be made

nearly or quite level. Where the road is constructed wholly by Embankment the Exterior Sides of the traveled part must be raised Eight inches above the grade thereof.

All Sides of Excavations or Embankments where the materials are of a loamy or adhesive character must be made at an angle not Exceeding forty five degrees. Where the materials are loose gravel or Sand. the angle must not Exceed thirty degrees from a horizontal line or two feet Slope to One foot rise Said road must be firmly and Substantially railed, where railing is necessary for the Safty and convonience of the traveller. the railing must consist of Straight, handsom Chestnut or cedar poles not less in any part than Six inches in diameter, and be Securely fastned with Iron bolts to Stone posts two feet high above the face of the road, not less than Eight inches in diameter, and embedded in the Earth or Embankment not less than three feet, and not more than twelve feet distant from each other from centre to centre. Good Sound Chestnut or Oak Joists not less than four and one fourth inches Square may be Substituted for the Chestnut or cedar poles aforesaid When the Sides of Embankments are Constructed or Secured with Substantial well laid Stone walls, Stones two feet high above the face of the road and not less than Eighteen inches in diameter at their base may be Substituted for the Stone posts aforesaid. All joinings or Splicings of Said railing must be made on the Summit or top of Some One of the Stone Supports aforesaid by chamfering the Joining Ends of Each of Said poles or joist at least One foot in length in Such manner that the Chamfered faces will fit and and lie close together with the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through the centre of Said joining or Splicing— or a Stone wall built in a Substantial and workmanlike manner. two and One half feet high

above the face of the road. not less than two feet in thickness at its base and fifteen inches at its top and placed on a good bank wall may be substituted for the railing aforesaid. In all places where it is necessary to have railing. the road if constructed of Earth Slopes must be worked Sufficiently wide to allow the posts which support said railing to be firmly and permanently placed in the Embank=ment with the interior or inside thereof not less than three feet within the Edge of the Slope of the Embankment, and without in any manner Obstructing or interfering with said 20 feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the Sides of the Embankments. are constructed or Secured with well laid Stone walls. instead of Earth Slopes before mentioned (and where the materials can be Obtained at a reasonable Expense this Kind of Structure will be required) Said walls must be battered back towards the Embankment. from a perpendicular line at the rate of two inches to One foot in height. The road must be worked to no greater width than twenty four feet on the top or face of the Embankment. to furnish a firm Support to the railing and the twenty feet clear of all Obstructions for the traveled part of the road as aforesaid. All bridges must be const=ructed with Substantial well laid Stone Abutments and be covered with the same material with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or Some other good material. and a crowning of the road of 8 inches in addition. Except the Span of the arch or arches of a bridge Each Exceed Three feet in the clear which it may be covered with good Chestnut or White Oak three inch plank. Whenever a bridge is covered with plank the top of the planking must be at grade and a continuous range of large flat Stones must be firmly embedded upon Each Side of the bridge for Securing the Edges of the plank against injury from Wheels in their passage to and from Said bridge=

All bridges must be made twenty four feet long measured at right angles with the direction of the road, and be substantially and properly railed to the height of three feet and to the width of not less than 20 feet between the railings, clear of all Obstructions. All necessary Sluice ways must be made of the same length as the bridge and be measured in the same manner, with good firm Straight Stone Sides or abutments, not less than two feet apart and 18 inches high, and be covered with the same material with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or some other good material, and the road over said Sluice-ways must be crowned 8 inches in addition—

The Owners of Land over which said road is located retain the legal right to construct Cattle Culverts or farm bridges across and underneath the road for their accommodation and convenience provided they do not thereby increase the ascent or descent in the grading of the road as hereafter described, and construct said Culverts or bridges in manner prescribed for the bridge. And the said Culverts when placed in must forever after be maintained by such Owners their heirs or Assigns in good repair and in such condition as to render them safe and convenient for the travelling. In grading the road aforesaid care must be used in front of any dwelling house or other building where an Excavation is required, to leave the side bank thereof nearest said building in the best shape for placing in a bank wall if the Owner of said building shall so Elect; Otherwise so to slope such side bank as to cause the least possible injury to said building or the appurtenances thereto. Provided however when such passage ways cannot be made safe and convenient by sloping as aforesaid, Culverts shall be constructed for that purpose. Whenever an Embankment is directed in front of a dwelling

House or other building it must be constructed and sloped on that Side of the traveled way nearest said building in Such manner as to render the road Safe without the aid of railing, (for in Such case no railing can be allowed) and in Such manner as to leave all passage ways to and from said building as perfect and as nearly in their present Shape as may be.

Trees that have been planted and reared beside the proposed traveled way by the Owners of land over which said location is made, whether for the fruits they yield, or the Shade and Ornament they furnish to the farms adjacent are not to be removed or injured unless the construction and Safety of the road absolutely require it.

And it is further Ordered that the grading of the road aforesaid which is within the towns of Grafton and Westboro be so worked as not in any place to exceed the angles of ascent or descent from a horizontal line hereafter mentioned. The grade pins are all placed in the center of the location, are all driven down to near the Surface of the Earth, and the Summits or tops of said pins are the points of admeasurement for ascertaining the amount of Excavation or Embankment.

The Summits or tops of those pins are at grade in connection with the line of inclination, representing the base of the traveled part of the road, and the crowning of fifteen inches required by this Order is in all cases to be considered as placed on or above the tops or Summits of said pins and line.

The grade pins that are mentioned in this description, as being numbered have a Stake driven by the Side of them bearing the Same number as the Side Stake opposite said grade pins and accompanying Stake. The admeasurement is given in feet and the decimal parts of a foot, and said grading is as follows to wit Commencing &c.

From a point 1,05 ft. above the top of Pin No 75 to a point 1,28 ft. above the top of Pin No 77. the inclination is 1° Ascending. At Pin No 76. Embank 1,60 ft. At pin No 77 Embank 1,28 ft. Grade Pin No 77. is on the line between the towns of Westboro and Grafton From a point 1,28 ft. above the top of Pin No 77 to a point 0,31 ft above the top of Pin No 79. the inclination is 1° 30' Ascending. At Pin No 78 Embank 0,66 ft. At Pin No 79. Embank 0,34 ft. From a point 0,34 feet above the top of Pin No 79. to a point 1,24 ft below the top of Pin No 81 the inclination is 2° Ascending. At Pin No 80 Excavate 0,39 ft. At Pin No 81 Excavate 1,24 ft From a point 1,24 ft. below the top of Pin No 81 to a point 2,16 ft. below the top of Pin No 82 the inclination is 1° Ascending. At Pin No 82 Excavate 2,16 ft. From a point 2,16 ft below the top of Pin No 82. to a point 5,41 ft below the top of Pin 88 the inclination is 0° 45' Ascending. At Pin No 83. Excavate 1,27 ft. At Pin No 84 Embank 0,45 ft. At Pin No 85 Embank 1,13 ft At Pin No 86. Embank 0,49 ft. At Pin No 87. Excavate 2,68 ft. At Pin No 88 Excavate 5,41 ft. From a point 5,41 ft above the top of Pin No 88 to a point 2,27 ft above the top of Pin No 89 is level At Pin No 89 Excavate 2,27 ft. From a point 2,27 ft. below the top of Pin No 89. to a point 2,91 above the top of Pin No 94 the inclination is 0° 45 ascending. At Pin No 90 Embank 1,90 ft. At Pin No 91. Embank 2,07 ft At Pin No 92. Embank 6,99 ft. At Pin No 93 Embank 4,83 ft. At Pin No 94 Embank 2,91 ft. From a point 2,91 ft above the top of Pin No 94 to a point 1,30 below the top of Pin No 95 the inclination is 0° 15' Ascending. At Pin No 95 Excavate 1,30 ft.

From a point 1,30 ft below the top of Pin No 95 to a point 4,05 above the top of Pin No 103 is level. At Pin No 96. Excavate 2,45 ft At Pin No 97 Excavate 1,40 ft. At Pin No 98 Excavate 2,20 ft At Pin No 99. Excavate 2,31 ft At Pin No 100 Excavate 1,51 ft At Pin No 101 Embank 2,07 ft At Pin No 102 Embank 4,30 ft. At Pin No 103 Embank 4,05 ft From a point 4,05 ft above the top of Pin No 103 to a point 1,40 ft above the top of Pin No 110. the inclination

is 0° 40' Ascending. At Pin No 104 Embank 1,48- At Pin No 105. Excavate 2,07 ft. At Pin No 106. Excavate 2,83 ft At Pin No 107. Excavate 0,60 ft. At Pin No 108 Embank 1,60 ft At Pin No 109 Embank 1,50 ft At Pin No 110 Embank 1,40 ft

From a point 1,40 ft above the top of Pin No 110 to a point 0,60 ft below the top of Pin No 116. the inclination is 0° 30' Ascending. At Pin No 111 Embank 0,03 ft. At Pin No 112. Excavate 1,86 ft At Pin No 113 Excavate 4,17 ft. At Pin No 114. Excavate 2,64 ft At Pin No 115 Excavate 2,42 ft At Pin No 116. Excavate 0,60 ft. From a point 0,60 ft below the top of Pin No 116 to a point 0,40 ft above the top of Pin No 117. is Level. At Pin No 117 Embank 2,36 ft At Pin No 118 Embank 2,06 ft At Pin No 119. Embank 0,40 ft

From a point 040 ft above the top of Pin No 119 to a point 2,10 ft below the top of Pin No 121. the inclination is 0° 15' Descending. At Pin No 120 Excavate 1,41 ft. At Pin No 121 Excavate 2,10 ft. From a point 2,10 ft. below the top of Pin No 121 to a point 0,50 ft. below the top of Pin No 122 the inclination is 0° 30' Descending. At Pin No 122 Excavate 0,50 ft. From a Point 0,50 ft. below the top of Pin No 122 to a Point 0,07 ft below the top of Pin No 123. The inclination is 1° Descending At Pin No 123 Excavate 0,07 ft. From a point 0,07 ft. below the top of Pin No 123. to a point 1,88 ft. above the top of Pin No 125 the inclination is 2° Descending At Pin No 124 Embank 2,32 ft. At Pin No 125 Embank 1,88 ft. From a point 1,88 ft above the top of Pin No 125 to a point 1,00 ~~ft~~ foot above the top of Pin No 126 the inclination is 1° Descending at Pin No 126 Embank 1,00 foot. -

Grade Pin No 126 is at the westerly terminus and in the center of the location —

And it is further Ordered that all roads croping intersecting or connecting with the road aforesaid be so graded by raising or lowering the same as the points of their said crossings intersections or connections therewith as to render them perfectly safe and convenient for travelers passing thereon —

And it is further Ordered that the term of Sixty

days be allowed the Several Owners of Land over which Said road is located to enable them to remove the wood, timber and trees thereon Standing lying or growing - And it is further Ordered that Said road be worked and made hard Safe and convenient for travelers to pass Over with their cattle Horses, Teams Carts and Carriages, and that it be made and completed by the Said Towns of Westboro and Grafton on or before the Fifteenth day of November A D 1868. to the acceptance of the County Commissioners

A Copy Attest

Ufs R 9.0.05

John A Dana

Asst. Clerk

A Copy Received at 8h A.M. Feb 26th A.D. 1868

Attest

James W White

Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting-

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts-
You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the Second day of March next, at nine O'clock in the forenoon, to act On the following Articles, to wit
Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

Art 2d To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the Year ensuing

Art 3d To hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon

Art 4th To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer and act thereon

Art 5th To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and act thereon

Art 6 To hear the Report of the Collector of Taxes and act thereon

Art 7th To hear the Report of the Engineers and act thereon

Art. 8th To hear the Report of the General School Committee and act thereon.

Art 9th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery and act thereon-

Art 10th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery and act thereon-

Art 11th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Town ways and Bridges the ensuing Year-

own

Art 12 To raise Such Sum of Money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year and make Appropriations of the Same, and act thereon

Art 13th To See what discount the Town will make to those persons who Shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within Such Periods of time as the Town Shall direct, and determine when all Taxes Shall be collected and paid in to the Treasury, and fix the Compensation of the Collector, and act thereon.

Art 14th To See what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the Ensuing Year and act thereon

Art 15th To See what Compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the Year Ensuing and act thereon —

Art 16th To See if the Town will Authorise the Prudential Committees in the Several School Districts to employ the School Teachers in their respective districts or act thereon —

Art 17th To See if the Town will accept of the List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box or act thereon

Art 18th To determine the place within the Town where the High School Shall be kept the Ensuing Year —

Art 19th To See if the Town will cause One of the Church Bells in the centre of the Town to be rung at 12 Oclock M and at 9 Oclock P M, or act thereon

Art 20th To See if the Town will make an Appropriation of Money for the public Library and Reading Room or act thereon —

Art 21st. To See what Disposition the Town will make of the Uncollected Taxes in the Hands of the Collectors for 1861-1863-1864-1865 and 1866

Art 22d. To See if the Town will abate Such Taxes as may be presented for that purpose--

Art 23d. To hear the Report of any Outstanding Committee, and act thereon.

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting Up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post-Office in the centre of Said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums-ville and Saunders Village. Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting-

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under Our hands this Eighteenth day of February in the Year of Our Lord. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight-

S E Stowe
Chas C Wood
Charles Fowler
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. March 2d 1868

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting Up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting as therein directed

S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy of Warrant and return

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton March 2d A D 1868

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and town affairs met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton pursuant to the foregoing Warrant and transacted the following business. viz.

1st By Ballot. Chose Davis Hall Moderator. Checklist used

Prayer by Rev S Robbins –

On Motion of James G Putnam it was Voted to bring in the Votes for Town Clerk Five Selectmen, Three Assessors, Town Treasurer, Three Overseers of the Poor, One General School Committee, One Trustee of Riverside Cemetery, One Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery, One Committee of the Grafton Common, and Seven Constables. On One Ballot.

The Voting having been continued until half past Eleven Oclock A M. James G Putnam Moved that the Polls be now closed John McClellan Moved an Ammendment that the Polls be kept Open until two Oclock P M. The Vote on the Ammendment was declared by the Moderator in the negative, which was doubted. & the house divided. the Voters counted One hundred and five Voting against the Ammendment to Ninety five for it, and the Ammendment was lost

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John McClellan then moved that the Polls be kept Open until One Oclock P M.. Ammendment lost

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The Vote was then taken on the Original Motion was declared by the Moderator in the affirmative. the Vote was doubted. the house divided, the Voters counted. One hundred twenty nine Voting in the affirmative and One hundred and ten in the negative. and the Polls were then closed –

The Votes for the Several Town Officers Balloted for having been Sorted & counted were declared by the Moderator for the following persons as follows viz

For Town Clerk.

C A Penniman had four Votes 4

Gilbert Cummings had One hundred & twenty two Votes 122

James W White had One hundred fifty three Votes 153
and was Elected. and on the same day was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by S D Hall Justice of the Peace

For Selectmen

George F Slocomb had One hundred Thirty Seven Votes 137
Charles Fowler had two hundred Sixty Eight Votes 268
Horace S Warren had One hundred Thirty One Votes 131
Seth J Axtell had One hundred Thirty two Votes 132
George H Rugg had One hundred thirty three Votes 133
Charles C Wood had One Hundred Sixty Seven Votes 167
Willard D Wheeler had One hundred & forty Votes 140
Samuel B Dolliver had One hundred Sixty four Votes 164
H C Greenwood had One hundred forty five Votes 145
George R Brown had Eighteen Votes 18

Charles Fowler — Sworn March 2d 1868 by Moderator
Charles C. Wood — Sworn March 2 1868 by Moderator
W D Wheeler — Sworn March 2 1868 by Moderator
Saml B Dolliver — Sworn March 10th 1868 by J W White J Elect
H C Greenwood — Sworn March 2 1868 by Moderator

were declared Elected Selectmen for the Year Ensuing—

For Assessors

Gilbert C Taft had two hundred ninety six Votes 296
William T Barker had One hundred thirty two Votes 132
Winthrop Faulkner had One hundred twenty nine Votes, 129
Warren L Munyan had One hundred Sixty two Votes 162
S A Knowles had One hundred fifty seven Votes 157
Warren Campbell had two Votes 2

Gilbert C Taft } Sworn April 24th 1868 by J W White Town Clk
Warren L Munyan } Sworn March 21st 1868 by J W White Town Clk
S A Knowles } Sworn March 5th 1868 by J W White Town Clk
were Elected Assessors for the Year Ensuing –

For Town Treasurer

Rufus C Warren had two hundred ninety One Votes (291)
and was unanimously Elected Town Treas-
-urer for the Year Ensuing. Rufus C Warren Town
Treasurer Elect was duly Sworn to the faithful
discharge of the duties of his Office March 5th 1868
By James W White Town Clerk

For Overseers of the Poor

Silas Vinton had One hundred thirty four Votes 134
Willis Works had two hundred Eighty three Votes 283
Warren Campbell had One hundred thirty five Votes 135
James G Putnam had One hundred Seventy One Votes 171
S A Knowles had One hundred fifty four Votes 154

Willis Works } Sworn March 3d 1868 By J W White Town Clk
James G Putnam } Sworn March 3 1868 By J W White Town Clerk
S A Knowles } Sworn March 5 " " " " " "
were Elected Overseers of the Poor for the Year
Ensuing

For General School Committee

Rev N F Stevens had One hundred thirty four Votes 134
Dr. T K Whittemore had One hundred Sixty two Votes (162)
and was Elected

For Trustee of Riverside Cemetery

George F Slocomb had One hundred forty two votes 142
Henry F Wing had One hundred Sixty three votes 163
and was Elected

For Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery

Lewis H Bigelow had two hundred ninety three votes
and was Elected —

For Constables.

S D Hall had two hundred ninety four votes 294
Wm C Bassett had One hundred Sixty two votes 162
Ezekiel Fowler had One hundred Sixty One votes 161
E C Thurber had One hundred fifty Eight votes 158
James W McKenzie had two hundred Eighty Seven votes 287
Aaron Elliot had One hundred Sixty votes 160
B Newton had two hundred Eighty five votes 285
C. C. Willis had One hundred thirty three votes 133
L H Bigelow had One hundred thirty three votes 133
S A Knowles had One hundred thirty One votes 131

S D Hall
Wm C Bassett
Ezekiel Fowler
E. C. Thurber
James W McKenzie
Aaron Elliot
B Newton

Sworn March 2 1868 by J W White Town Clerk

Affirmed March 2 1868 — J W White Town Clerk 14 Voters present

Sworn March 2 1868 by J W White Town Clerk

were Elected Constables. for the Year Ensuing —

For Committe of the Common

William G Scandlin had two hundred ninety three votes and was Elected —

On Motion Voted to choose the remaining Town Officers by Nomination —

Voted to choose Seven Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing —

Then by Nomination Chose

J W Leland
R D Chase
L W Brigham
Simon Pierce
John H Goddard
Lewis Whitney
W H Lee

} Sworn

Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing-

On Motion Voted to choose Three Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing.

Then by Nomination Chose

H C Greenwood
Nathan Boynton
Perley Goddard

} Sworn March 2d 1868 by J M White Town Clerk
Sworn march 2 1868 by J M White Town Clerk

Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing

By nomination chose Thomas Aldrich, Pound Keeper for the Year Ensuing-

Voted to choose two Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing-- Then by Nomination chose

Noah Fletcher
Benj^a Kingsbury

} Sworn March 27th 1868 By Town Clerk

Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen appoint the Sealer of Weights and Measures, Measurers of Wood and Bark, and all Such Other Town Officers as have not been chosen and may by law be appointed by them-

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be Bridge Committee for the Year Ensuing-

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be Auditing Committee for the Year Ensuing-

On Motion Voted to Authorise the Several School Districts within the Town to choose their own Prudential Committees for the Year Ensuing—

Took up the Third Article in the Warrant which was "to hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon"

The Selectmen's Report having been printed with the Several Other Town Officers Reports was presented, Amended, and accepted as follows.

Selectmens Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton—

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the close of their Official duties for the Year Ending March 2d 1868. Submit the following Report of the condition of the Town.

They have Settled with Rufus E Warren Treasurer of Said Town and find his Account Correct and as follows.

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To Cash received from all Sources as per Report of Treasurer $ 44.710.86

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Paid D W Norcross. School District No 1			89629	
" W G Scandlin	"	" " 2	19296	
" J W Taft	"	" " 3	20190	
" A W Rice	"	" " 4	20123	
" Geo M Dunn	"	" " 5	19990	
" Henry C Fiske	on act of 1866	" 6.	8263	
" H M Davis	"	" " 6	41914	
" Wm B Kempton	"	" " 7	19130	
" F Worcester	"	" " 8	19490	
" B Chase	"	" 8. 1866	1382	
" S A Knowles	"	" " 9	65068	
" G C Taft	"	" " 10	43098	
" J S Nelson	"	" " 11	21851	389309

1867 March 9	Paid	H L Read Teacher of High School	150 00		
" 13	"	W F Slocumb Jr care " " " Room	14 50		
" 25	"	Ellen Biscoe Assistant Teacher "	126 00		
" 25	"	T C Biscoe, Wood & Cutting Same "	11 37		
April 9	"	L W Dodge rent of School room	100 00		
June 28	"	H L Read Teacher	386 95		
July 19	"	W F Slocumb Jr Care of room	14 00		
" 24	"	Ellen Biscoe Assistant Teacher	78 00		
Oct 1	"	Wm F Wheeler, Coal for High School	80 00		
" 7	"	H L Read Teacher " "	100 00		
Nov 23	"	" " " "	209 54		
Dec 19	"	W F Slocumb Jr care of room	19 00		
1868 Jan 21	"	H L Read Teacher " "	100 00	1389 36	
1867					
April 8	Paid for High School Building			3500 00	
May 21	"	J W Bigelow General School Committee	105 00		
June 22	"	Gilbert Robbins " " "	99 00		
July 25	"	T C Biscoe " " "	100	304 00	
May 7	Paid	Geo F Slocomb Chief Engineer Fire dep't	117 31 6		
1868 Feb 18	"	Same	248 23	1421 39	
1867					
March 4	Paid	Selectmens Services for 1866		202 00	
Dec 30	"	G C Taft. Assessor for 1867	70 12		
1868 Feb 7	"	W L Munyan " " "	21 50		
" 17	"	W T Barber	18 00	109 62	
1867					
Nov 23	"	S D Hall Posting Warrants & Notifying Town Officers		20 50	
1868 Feb 18	"	J W White Recording Marriages, Births, & Deaths	52 00		
	"	J W White Extra writing & Office Expenses	106 20		
		" " " Collector for 1866	5 00		
		" " " " " 1867	233 53	396 73	

1867					
March 5	Paid F N Hall Sexton for	1866		14 30	
1868 Feb 17	" " " "	1867		15 30	
1867 May 3	" H R Carey " "	1866		20 50	
Oct 26	" " " " "	1867		47 10	
1868. Jan 14	P. James Gleason " "	1867		29 85	
1867 July 17	" James Gleason. Packing Case			8 00	
Dec 23	" J Dalrymple. Painting & Varnishing 2 Hearses			41.50	448 26
1868.					
Jan 7 & 8	Paid James Carney care of Halls				100 00
1867					
May 11	Paid A H White Ringing Bell	1866		40 00	
Nov 2	" " " " " to date			25 00	
May 27	" Refereis in case of S A Knowles			6 00	
Sept 3	" Repairs on Old Burying Ground			35 12	
Dec 18	" O.W. Mills for Watering Trough			6 00	
April 20	" Printing Bills for	1866		121 83	
May 27	" Printing Blanks Bonds.			34 50	
	" Blank Books & Stationary			9 72	
	" L L Batt & Co for building Bridge at Centreville			675 00	
	" Repairing Other Bridges			52 41	1004 58
Paid Overseers of the Poor					1100 96
" Co G. 10 Regt. M V M.					84 50
" Expense for building Lock Up.					77 18
" J B White for Coal for Town Hall				56 75	
" for Oil & Chimneys for Town Hall				39 18	95 93
Paid Monument Committee				272 17	
" Expense of Dedicating Monument				65 79	272 96
" For breaking Roads				188 10	
" " Special Repairs on Roads				157 74	
" " Setting Monuments on Worcester Road				86 32	
" " Railing Roads				37 75	
" J A Goddard for Gravel used in 1866				7 00	
" " Monuments on Road by Benjamin Fay				20 00	

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Paid County Commissioners for Re-Locating Worcester Road	74 08		
" State Aid under Old Law	173 20	570	99
" J. F. Searle. Liquor Agent.		400	00
" R. E. Warren for Interest Account	25 00		
" " " " Paying State Aid	50 00	75	00
" for repairing Guide Boards		5	00
" fixing Academy Hall		113	77
Total Amt of Selectmens Orders		1,032	02
Paid Interest on Town Bonds & Notes	1724 00		
" One Note to Worcester Co Mutual Ins Co	3000 00		
" One Note to Mechanics Savings Bank	3000 00		
" Interest on the above two notes	135 50		
" Insurance on Library Town Barn & Engine Houses	132 10		
" Rent of Town Hall	50 00		
" Assessors Orders of Abatment	46 70		
" Collector of Taxes for 1864 & 1865	1 20		
" State Aid March 1st 1867 to March 1st 1868	271 00		
" for Recording Deed of High School Buy.	65		
" State Sealer	8 00		
" State Tax	995 00		
" County Tax	1794 81		
" Deficiency in Treasury March 4th 1867	1755 97		
Total Amount Paid		4379	95
Amount Recvd. $14,710.86			
Amount Paid 4379 95			
" In hands of Treasurd		910	91

Liabilities of the Town

Town Bonds bearing Interest at 5 per cent	22,000 00	
Town Bonds bearing Interest at 6 per cent	8000 00	
Two Notes to Joseph Adams	2400 00	
Interest on the Above	287 33	8287 33

Resources of the Town

Uncollected Taxes for	1861	486 05	
	1862	292 31	
	1864	294 24	
	1865	631 54	
	1866	179 53	
	1867	663 05	
United States 5-20 Bond		1000 00	
Town Farm and Buildings		600 00	
Personal Property on Farm		517 41	
Three Fire Engines and Fixtures		350 00	
High School Building		350 00	
Lockup Building		77 00	
Three Engine Houses, Hook & Ladder House & Lan		2350 00	
Hook & Ladder Carriage & Apparatus		425 00	
New Hearse House		60 00	
Furniture & Fixtures in Hall and Office		475 00	
Due from State for State Aid for	1864	780 00	
" " " " " "	1865	1000 00	
" " " " " "	1866	800 00	
" " " " " "	1867	3113 00	
" " " " " "	1868	890 00	
Cash in hands of Common Committee		45 01	
Cash Liquor in hands of J F Searle Liquor Agt		448 89	
Money and Books in hands of J F Searle Book Agt		90 99	
Due from State for amt of Armory		1000 00	
Amt in hands of Treasurer		910 91	3311 90
		33117 90	

We respectfully Submit the following Estimate for which the Town Should provide by Tax or Otherwise in 1868 Viz

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Interest on Town Debt	$1,724,00
Appropriation for high School	1,400,00
" " " Common Schools	3,800,00
" " " Fire Department	1,400,00
" Rent of Town Hall	500,00
" Repair of Highways	2000,00
" Building Road near B W Fays	1000,00
" Town Bond No 1	1000,00
" Other Town Charges & Expenses	2500,00
" Two Notes to Joseph Adams	2400,00
	$17,124,00

At the following named places Guide Boards are Erected and maintained within the Town viz-

At the corner of the roads near Warren Black near J D Whelers. near Silas Vintons near William Wallaces. near Edward Fakys barn Northerly & the residence of Frederick Watsman near the Indian Burying-ground - near Farnumsville School House. near the House of A Morse near Jefferson Billows. near Farnumsville Depot near Charles McNamara's near William Holbrooks near H T Edely's. near Saunders Store near J McClellans. at the corner of the roads north-East from Daniel Johnsons. near Charles Daniels - at Each of the corners Northerly of the Old burying-ground near gunnigamond House N E village - near Widow H S Fairbank's near the Dexter Hathaway place near House on Town Farm - near Meeting House N E village. near J W Putnams Northerly of the House of C McVinson. Near Joseph Kimball at two places between the last named places near Widow H J Potts. near Capt Benjamin Aldrich near Henry Wessons. On Barn of B W Fay. near L N Leland westerly of Georg Dunn's, near John O Rice's near Joseph Bruce all of which is Respectfully Submitted

S E Stowe
Chas C Wood
Charles Fowler
} Selectmen of Grafton

A Copy
Attest James W White
Town Clerk

Took up the fourth article in the Warrant and on motion Voted to accept the Treasurs Report, as Printed which is as follows— Viz—

Treasurers Report.

Town of Grafton in account with Rufus E Warren Treasurer

1867. Cr.

April 2	By Cash of Worcester County Mutual Fire Insurance Co		3000 00
May 8	By Cash on Town Bonds.		8000 00
" "	" " Interest		160 00
July 15	" " Mechanics Savings Bank		3000 00
" "	" " Interest on 5-20 U S Bonds.		60 00
" "	" " Premium on Gold for Same		22 98
" "	" James W White on Taxes for 1866		646 73
" "	" " " " " Interest on Same		4 00
" "	" E B Bigelow on Taxes for 1864		2 00
" "	" " " " " " 1865		134 25
" "	" " " " Interest on Same		2 54
" "	" James W White On Taxes for 1867		23383 02
" "	" " " " " Interest On the Same		67 08
" "	" for Assessing Taxes in School Distrct No 1		9 00
" "	" " " " " " " " 2		3 00
" "	" " " " " " " " 3		3 00
" "	" " " " " " " " 8		3 00
" "	" of the City of Worcester for Paupers		25 30
" "	" of State Treasurer for State Paupers		75 46
Dec 5	" " " " " State Aid		3000 00
" "	" " " " " Corporation Tax		1536 96
1868 Jan 25	" " " " " School Fund		333 56
" "	" " " " " Co G. 10 Regt. M V M		84 50
" "	" of Monument Committee		2 37
" "	" " J W White for Town Hall		20 00
" "	" " C C Wood " "		247 00
" "	" for use of Academy Hall		31 50
" "	" for Stock left on Lockup		19 75
" "	" of C A Pierce former Book Agent		14 57
	Total Receipts		44710 86

Carried Over

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Paid Cash due former Treasurer	1,755	97
" Selectmens Orders	19032	02
" Interest on Town Bonds	1.580	00
" " On Jo. Adams' Note	144	00
" " on Borrowed Money	135	50
" Money Borrowed	6000	00
" Insurance on Engine Houses	56	10
" " on Library & Furniture in Tow Hall & Office	76	00
" Assessors Orders of Abatement	46	70
" for Collecting Taxes of 1864 & 1865	1	20
" H. A. Davis State Seales	8	00
" for Recording Deed of Academy		65
" County Tax	1,794	81
" State Tax	9950	00
" State Aid	2719	00
" Rent of Town Hall	300	00
Total Amount Paid	43799	95
Amt Rec'd 44.710.86		
Amt Paid 43799 95		
Balance on hand	910	91

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Rufus E Warren Treasurer

Grafton March 2: 1868

A Copy

Attest James H White Town Clerk

Took up the fifth Article in the Warrant and on Motion voted to accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor as Printed which is as follows - viz

Report

Of the Overseers of the Poor. of the Town of Grafton for the Year ending March 2d 1868

Invoice of Personal Property at the Farm Feb'y 1868

30 head of Cattle	1934	00
1 Horse	175	00
30½ Tons of Hay	630	00
Lot of Corn Stover	37	50
2 Wagons and Harnesses.	165	00
1 Sleigh	20	00
16 Hens	15	00
4 Ploughs-	30	00
1 Cultivator	8	00
1 Harrow	12	00
3 Ladders	15	00
4 Ox Yokes	12	00
2 Ox Wagons	160	00
Hay Carts and Tongues	9	00
2 Ox Sleds	20	00
2 Road Scrapers	16	00
1 Horse Rake	11	00
1 Sow with Pig	35	00
6 Shoats-	60	00
238 Bushels of Corn	357	00
26 Bushels of Rye	36	00
8 Bushels of Beans	10	00
35 Gallons of Vinegar	17	00
125 lbs Salt Pork	17	50
150 lbs Salt Beef	21	00
90 Bushels Potatoes	112	50
Other Provisions	36	50
1 Winnowing Mill	12	00
All Other farming tools	136	73
	4113	73
Household furniture beds & bedding	358	68
234 Logs at Mill 400-		
75 Cords dry Wood 300-	700	00

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Amount of personal property on hand 1868	5172 41
Amt of Personal Property on hand Feb 19 1867 as per Inventory	4825 43
Amount of Inventory Above last Year	346 98

Receipts of Town Farm for Year Ending Feb 19th 1868

By Cash received for Beef Pork and Veal	688 36
" " " " Stock	331 00
" " " " Other products	462 38
" " " " Milk and Butter	723 33
" " " " Labor of Men and Teams off the Farm	141 70
" " " " S Harrington for board of Caroline Harrington	44 00
" " On hand Feb 19th 1867	197 93
" " of Town Treasurer	400 96
	2989 66
" Cash received for Wood and Lumber	622 89
Total Amount of receipts	3612 55

Expenditures at Farm for Year Ending Feb 19th 1868

To Cash Paid Agent. Salary	500 00
" " . Labor Exclusive of Agents Salary	367 02
" " . for Stock	449 50
" " " " Cutting Wood and Timber	161 39
" " " " Fertilizers	66 72
" " " " Laying Wall	7 00
" " " " Blacksmithing and repairs	41 81
" " " " Grass Seed	15 78
" " " " Flour and Groceries	325 89
" " " " Meats	119 16
" " " " Grain and Feed	33 49
" " " " Wagon	85 00
" " " " Clothing for inmates	14 54
" " " " Medical Attendance	5 00
" " " " Other Expenses	57 88
Total Amount of Expenses at Farm	2252 18

Total Amount of Receipts $ 3612,55
Total Amount of Expenses at Farm 2252.18
1360,37

Expenditures away from the Farm for Year Ending February 19th 1868

To Cash Paid for relief granted	Charles & Frances Tirrell	51	56
" "	Wm S Gates	11	24
	Charles Adams	4	50
	Ebbin Gates & Sisters	5	90
	Frances Jeana	20	82
	Alanson Buxton	50	00
	P H Horan Family	14	50
	John Jennings	2	28
	P. H. Lynch	24	00
	John Aldrich	8	00
	Town of Northbridge for J F Brooks	54	57
	J F Brooks & Children	137	25
	I P Knight & Family	77	91
	Mary Stowe	78	53
	Henrietta Parr	10	00
	Luke Gentile	9	00
	Mat Humes	7	38
	W H H Green	4	61
	Call & Turner	4	00
	Betsy Flagg	65	00
	Deborah Warren	57	00
	Hannah Johnson	104	00
	Eunice Adams & Children	51	07
	Francis N Paine	18	00
	Mary Paine & Family	6	00
	Delia French		50
	Horace Day & Family	20	00
		894	56.

Paid for Medical attendance viz.

Doctor Griggs		82	00
"	Pierce	6	65
"	Albee	6	00
"	Fulton	60	00
		154	65

over

Paid Expenses of Looking after Paupers		20 25
Total Amount away from Farm		1,069 46
Paid Services of Overseers of the Poor viz.		
L H. Bigelow		38 00
J G. Putnam		35 00
E P Dennis		2 00
Stationary and Postage		3 00
		1147 46
Due from State	$317.76	
" . Estate of Frances N Paine	18 00	
" . Town of Hopkinton	35,00	
" . Town of Paxton	6 00	376 76
Surplus from Farm		1360 37
Amount of inventory Over last Year		34 697
		2084 10
Amt drawn from Treasury	1100-00 **	
Interest on Town Farm	360.00	
Agents Salary above last Year	100.00	2008,42
Balance in favor of Farm		75 68.

The whole Number at the Farm past Year 41
Number of Travelers Lodged past Year at Farm 148. The number of Persons at the Almshouse at the present time is two. Two have been discharged

We have been so much pleased with the management of the Farm and Almshouse the past Year that we have re engaged Mr and Mrs Landers another Year at a Salary of Six hundred dollars.

There will be due the Agent April 1st 1868 $600-00

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

L. H. Bigelow
James G Putnam } Overseers of the Poor

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Sixth Article in the Warrant and On motion Voted to Accept the Report of the Collector of Taxes as Printed which is as follows. viz-

Collector's Report.

The Amount of Taxes committed by the Assessors of the Town of Grafton to James W White Collector for 1867 is as follows- viz

1867 July 20th	Town Grant	$ 12 000. 00
	State Tax	9.950. 00
	County Tax	1794 81
	Overlayings	301 22
	One Poll Tax Assessed after Bill Committed	2,00
		24,048 03

1867			
Aug	9	Cash Paid Rufus E Warren. Treasurer	40000
"	22		70000
"	31		40000
Sept	14		70000
"	21		60000
"	23		30000
"	26		100000
"	27		40000
"	28		60000
"	30		420000
Oct	2		770000
"	.		30000
	4		230000
	8		60000
	31		80000
Nov	8		40000
Dec	6		30000
1868 Jan	3		30000
	22		10000
Feb	1		15000
	18		113302
	"	Interest on Taxes Paid Since Oct 1st 1867	23,383 02 / 67 08

over

Leaving an Amount of Taxes Uncollected of
$663,05 against the following Persons-

Allen Newman C	2	00	Carpenter Elliot	2	39
Allen Lyman	2	00	Cayroot Asa	2	00
Brigham Phineas	4	34	Coyne Patrick	2	00
Burk Dennis	2	00	Connelly John	2	00
Ball Dexter D	2	00	Childs Fred	2	00
Ball Frank D	2	00	Caldwell John	2	00
Balcom Francis	2	00	Cotta Edward	2	00
Balcom Edwin	2	00	Dolan Patrick	2	00
Bulger James	8	44	Dolan John	2	00
Bidzlow Charles H	2	00	Dwyer J G	2	13
Brooks Francis	2	00	Droogan Patrick	2	00
Bonner John	1	08	Demmers Frank	2	00
Burr George	2	00	Davis Olney	2	00
Burns Richard	2	00	Doherty Felix	2	00
Blatt Frank	2	00	Daniels Barzill	2	00
Barrow Bruno	2	00	Dupree Peter	2	00
Buxton Lewis	2	00	Emory Henry	2	00
Blair James	3	95	Elliot Aaron	2	00
Carter Edward	2	00	Flynn Christopher	2	13
Curry Michael	2	00	Fitzsimmons George	2	00
Cole William	2	13	Foote E N	18	90
Christie Michael	2	00	Flandley Francis F	2	00
Curtis James	2	00	Friend Horace	2	00
Callehan John	2	00	Fanning Robert	2	00
Clothier Paul	2	00	French George H	2	00
Callehan Michael	2	00	Forehand Leroy D	2	00
Carter William	2	00	Ford Levi J	2	00
Corbin Samuel	5	25	Fontain John	2	00
Corbin Munroe J	2	00	Forcuin John	2	00
Clayton Samuel	2	00	Gardner Francis	2	00
Cady Henry K.	2	00	Greenwood Leon	2	00
Clark John L.	2	00	Gauthier Octave	2	13
Clark Isaac	2	00	Gorin William	2	00
Campbell Thomas	2	00	Grant J H	2	00
Claflin Charles	2	00	Holbrook Henry	2	00
Conroy Bartholomew	2	00	Harrington Elijah Mrs	3	25

Horton E G	2	00	Millette John	2	00
Hassan John	2	00	Marsden Thomas	2	00
Hearnes Mathew	2	00	Maxwell Joseph	2	00
Hattery William	2	00	Morse Charles H	2	00
Hitchins John	5	90	Moore Solomon	2	00
Jellison Jas H	2	00	Moore Thomas	2	00
Johnson Alonzo	2	00	Norcrop Charles T.	5	90
Joseph Mimel	2	00	Newton Frank F	2	00
Jennings John	2	00	Nichols J E	2	00
Judd Jerome	2	65	Newhall Sumner	2	00
Jarvis Peter	2	00	Nichols Jonas G	2	00
Kearns Patrick	2	00	Ontwain Lemuel	2	00
Knights Ivory P	2	00	Osier Peter	2	00
Kennicum Martin	2	00	Perrin Frank	2	00
Kane John	2	00	Prentice Henry	2	00
King Thomas	2	00	Palmer Levi	2	00
Kempston Wm B	41	52	Putnam William H	2	00
Kennedy Michael	2	00	Parker S S	2	00
King Alvin	2	00	Putnam Alonzo	2	00
Leonard J J	2	00	Pierce Charles E	2	00
Lynch Michael	2	00	Prouty George W	2	00
Legate C J	12	78	Pratt Luke C	2	00
Lines Michael	2	00	Pratt George B	2	00
Lynch Lawrence	2	00	Pickham Henry A	2	00
Lynch Patrick	2	00	Pogue John	8	50
Lambert M	2	00	Pratt James N.	2	00
Leclair Albert	2	00	Pratt Richard K	2	00
Laflor Francis	2	67	Prout Peter	2	00
Marsh F. B.	2	00	Parent Jacob	2	00
Munroe Henry C	2	00	Lalanka Lewis	2	00
Mason Henry	2	00	Parr Francis	2	00
Mitchell Henry L	2	00	Pellican Anthony	2	00
Mason Augustus	2	00	Pellican Peter	2	00
McPartlan John	2	00	Rivers Andrew	2	00
Monroe Jonas	15	46	Ripley William H	2	00
Marsh Alfred	2	00	Riley James	2	00
McGee James	2	00	Robinson Joshua	7	20
Murphy John	2	00	Randall Charles T	2	00

Rourke Patrick	2	00	Temple Bonaparte	2	00
Richards Anthony	2	00	Temple Lorenzo	2	00
Rouch John Jr	2	00	Tidd S. S.	2	00
Rivers Peter	2	00	Turner John	2	00
Stratton Samuel A	2	00	Tabor L H Do	2	00
Stacy Philo	2	00	Tocott Moses	2	00
Smith A A	2	00	Varga Hartwain	2	00
Smith Thomas	2	00	Vinson C M	19	35
Stone Augustus	2	00	Vinson Mrs Anna B B	1	56
Shields Charles	2	00	Wilcox Lyman Jr	2	00
Sline Dennis	2	72	Webster Lucien	2	00
Stanton Richard	2	00	Wood Samuel H	2	00
Sweetser John S	19	67	Welch David	2	00
Shortliff William	2	00	White John	2	00
Sheehan John	2	00	Welcome Joseph	2	00
Thayer Henry	2	00	Young Joseph	2	00
Turner Call C	2	00	Oaks R M (N R)	11	05
				$	663.05

All of which is Respectfully Submitted
James W White Collector

Grafton March 2. 1868

A Copy

Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Seventh article in the Warrant, an on Motion Voted to accept the Chief Engineers Report as printed which was as follows. viz—

Chief Engineers Report.

Town of Grafton in account with George F Slocomb. Chief Engineer for Expenditures for the Fire Department for the Year Ending March 2d 1868—

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By Cash Received on Selectmens Orders. $ 1,421,39

Dr

Rescue Engine Company No 1

Paid Services of fifty nine Men for Year ending May 1st 1867	$ 31,33
" Care of Engine and Apparatus One Year	10,00
" Hunneman's Bill	30,00
" Boston & Worcester R R Bill	24,00
" Harrington & Nichols Bill	2,85
" J B Whitis "	2,25
" B Newton's "	97
	$ 63757

Empire Engine Company No 2

Paid Services of fifty four Men for Year Ending May 1st 1867	$ 325,00
" Care of Engine & Apparatas One Year	10 00
	$ 335,00

Blackstone Engine Company No 3.

Paid Services of thirty nine Men for Year Ending May 1st 1867	$ 229,33
" Care of Engine and Apparatus One Year	10 00
" E Fisks & Sons Bill	7 34
	$ 246,67

Hook & Ladder Company

Paid for Services of twenty six Men for Year Ending May 1st 1867	$ 173,34
" Care of Carriage and Apparatus.	5,00
	$ 178,34
Paid D W Holmes & Co's Bill	3,50

Amount of Cash Received $ 1421,39
Amount of Cash Paid 1421,39.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

George F Slocomb.
Chief Engineer

Grafton March 2d 1868

A Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Eighth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to Accept the Report of the Genral School Committee as Printed. (for which See Printed Copy On file)

Took up the Ninth Article in the Warrant, The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery through their Treasurer Rufus E Warren. presented their Report which was accepted by which it appeared that there was Cash On hand April 8th 1867

as at that time reported	$ 254.21
Recived for Lots and Wood Sold	198,32
Total Receipts	$ 452,53
Total amount of Cash Paid for Labor on Cemetery. Cutting & drawing Wood &c	$ 248,79
Leaving a balance Cash On hand	$ 203,74

Took up the Tenth Article in the Warrant, The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery. made their Report which was accepted as follows-

The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery in the Town of Grafton respectfully Submit the following as their Annual Report for the Year Ending March 2 1868

Cash Received of R D Chase	$ 49,69
" " from Other Persons	62,17
	$ 111,86
Due	17 00
Total	$ 128,86
Cash Paid Sundry Persons	50 65
Leaving a balanced in Treasurers Hands March 2 1868	78,21

L H Bigelow Treasurer

A Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to repair the Highways Town ways & Bridges the Ensuing Year by a Money Tax -

On Motion Voted that the care of repairing the Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year be put in the hands of five Commissioners to be chosen by Ballot. the names for the five Commissioners to be brought in On One Ballot.

Then Voted to postpone the balloting for thirty minuets to Enable the Voters to prepare their Ballots -

Took up the Second article in the Warrant the thirty minuets having Expired and by Ballot chose

Barnabas Newton
L H Bigelow Sworn by L D Hall
Joseph Adams Sworn March 17 1868 By J W White Town Clerk
Willis Works- Sworn March 20th 1868 By James W White J.P.
Perley Goddard Sworn March 2 1868 by J W White Town Clerk

Said Commissioners -

Then On Motion Voted that the Commissioners Just Chosen be Highway Surveyors for the Year Ensuing

Took up the twelfth article in the Warrant And On Motion Voted to raise Eighteen Thousand Dollars to defray town charges the Ensuing Year

Voted to Appropriate Fifteen Hundred Dollars for Support of High School the Ensuing Year

Voted to Appropriat Four Thousand Dollars for Support of Common Schools the Ensuing Year

Voted to Appropriate Two Thousand Dollars for the repair of Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year

Took up the fifteenth Article in the Warrant. A motion was made to Allow Firemen the same compensation for the ensuing year that was allowed them for the last year which was Eight Dollars for the year, and in the same ratio for a shorter term of Service.

An Amendment to the motion was offered and Carried that the compensation of Firemen for the year Ensuing be Ten Dollars for the year and in the same ratio for a shorter term of Service

Took up the Twelfth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to Appropriate Sixteen hundred Dollars for the fire department the Ensuing Year

Took up the Thirteenth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted, To Allow no discount on Taxes the Ensuing Year And that all Poll Taxes be collected On demand. And that all Taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of October next. and that all Taxes remaining unpaid after that day be subject to an addition of One percent per month until paid and all legal cost for collecting. the Collector to pay Over to the Treasurer all money by him collected once in ten days from the time he receives his Tax Bill

On Motion Voted to put the collecting of the Taxes up at Auction to the lowest bidder, which was accordingly done and they were taken by James W White at three fourths of One percent. —

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and by Ballot Chose James W White Collector of Taxes for the year Ensuing

James W White was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Collector of Taxes March ~~tenth~~ 18 By S D Hall
Justice of the Peace

Took up the Sixteenth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to Authorise the Prudential Committees of the Several School Districts within the to employ the School Teachers in their respective Districts the Ensuing Year.

Took up the Seventeenth article in the Warrant, and On Motion Voted to Accept the List of Names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box for the Year Ensuing as follows—

Luke F Allen Cyrus D Aldrich Joseph Adams
Jonas H Allen H P Brown Lewis H Bigelow
A M Bigelow Geo W Bradford George R Brown
John P Crosby. Hollis Chamberlain. Warren Campbell
Calvin Clisbee. E C Cottle E F Chamberlain
Sullivan Dadmun Geo W Estabrook. B W Fay
Winthrop Faulkner Samuel C Flagg Perley Goddard
J. A. Goddard Wm H Harrington J G Hall.
L C Heywood S A Knowles. Levi N Leland
Lawson Munyan Geo H Mansfield James Martin
John McClellan. F M Marble W L Munyan
Alfred Morse. Geo K Nichols. J S Nelson
J P Newton Charles L Pratt James G Putnam
Simmon Packard A W Rice Geo H Rugg
C W Stratton James B Stratton S E Stowe.
Jesse H Smith Oscar Stratton M C Woodbury
C C Willis Henry Wesson J D Wheeler.
Lowell White Orlando Whitney Willis Works
Willard S Wood.

Took up the Eighteenth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted that the High School be kept within the limits of the Centre School District the Ensuing Year—

Took up the Nineteenth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to Authorise the Selectmen to cause One of the Church Bells in the Centre of the Town to be rung at twelve Oclock M. and at nine Oclock P M

Took up the Twentieth Article in the Warrent and On Motion Voted to Appropriate One Thousand Dollars for the Reading Room and Library the Ensuing Year-

Took up the twenty first Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to refer the Uncollected Taxes mentioned in this Article to the Selectmen authorising them to abate all Such Taxes as in their Judgment are worthless-

Took up the Twenty Second Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to refer the matter of this article to the Selectmen. Authorising them to abate Such Taxes as may be presented for that purpose if in their Judgment it Shall be deemed advisable-

Took up the Twenty third Article in the Warrant. The "Monument Committee" Submitted their final Report which was accepted as follows,

Gentlemen

The Monument Committe desire to Offer the following report as a final Statement of the work given them to do -

As per contract for the Monument,	$ 4000,00
For Foundation	183 63
" Dirt for Monument	13 00
Curb	213 79
Fence	301 17
Mr Atells Bill for Grading 76	112 63
Placing Extra Names on Monument	11 55

up

Col. Brigham's Bills - Drilling holes for fence - Painting &c.		$ 31,80
Mr Nelsons Bill - Expense incurred by travel &c		8,50
Wm G Scandlen Expense incurred & Bills paid		30,16
Whole amount Expended		4913,23
Appropriated & retained for a gath		600
Drawn from the Treasury.		$ 4,921,23

The Bills & Bonds accompany this Report for Examination or file -

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted

Wm G. Scandlen for the Committee

A Copy

Attest

James W White Town Clerk

On Motion Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next at one Oclock in the afternoon at the Town Hall -

Attest

James W White. Town Clerk

This Agreement made this third day of April A D 1867. between Mrs Susan A Champney and Ebn F Champney of Grafton in the State of Massachusetts and Mrs Susie M C Goodrich of Fitchburg in Said State, the party of the first part, and Thomas Fitzpatrick of Grafton in Said State the party of the second part. Witnesseth. That the said party of the first part in consideration of the covenants on the part of the party of the second part hereinafter contained doth covenant and agree to and with the said Thomas Fitzpatrick that within two months from the date hereof they will Erect a good Substantial and legal fence, and forever thereafter keep in repair and maintain the same on Such parts of the division line bounding the Estates of the parties to this agreement described as follows. viz Beginning at Stake and Stones 29 rods and ten links (measuring on the division line) Southwesterly from the road leading from Saunders' Grist Mill to Said Thomas Fitzpatrick's Thence South 68½° W. 29 rods and 10 links to a Stake on the East bank of the Brook —

Again commencing 38 rods and six links S. 68° W (measuring on the ground and making no allowance for variations from a Straight and Horizontal line) from Said East bank of the Brook at Stake and Stones. Thence S. 68° W (making no allowance &c. as before) 38 rods and 6 links to the corner of two walls — Again commencing on the westerly declivity of the hill in the wood Land 48 rods and three links from the Sutton line at Stake and Stones Thence S. 68° W to Sutton line and land of S B Chase (making no allowance for variation &c. as before) —

And the Said Thomas Fitzpatrick in consideration of the covenants of the part of the first part, doth covenant and agree to and with the Said Susan A Champney and Others. that within two months from the date hereof he will Erect a good Substantial and legal fence, and forever thereafter keep in repair and maintain the Same on Such parts of the division line aforesaid as are described as follows — viz —

up

Beginning at the Southerly side of the road aforesaid
Thence S. 13° W 5 rods and 20 links. Thence S. 68½° W
23 rods and 15 links to Stake and Stones by Old wall

Again. commencing on the east bank of the brook
aforesaid at a Stake Thence S. 68½° W 38 rods and 6
links to Stake and Stones by the Old Stone wall—

Again commencing at the corner of two walls
aforesaid on the Hill Thence S. 21° E. 38 rods and
20 links to the rail fence. Thence S. 68° W 9 rods and
nine links to Stake and Stones. (all the lines west
of the brook being measured on the ground making
no allowance for variations from a horizontal and
straight line)

In Witness Whereof We have hereunto set
Our hands and Seals the day and Year first above
Written—

Witness for first party { Susan A Champney LS
Mrs Susie M C Goodrich LS

Witness for second party { Thomas Fitzpatrick LS
Gilbert C Taft.

I hereby consent to and approve of the within
agreement

Witness { Esek Saunders { Guardian of
Gilbert C Taft { Ebm F Champney

A Copy Recvd January 18th 1868
James W White Town Clerk

N B The foregoing agreement was received
and filed for record January 18th 1868 but
was laid aside and Overlooked until
April 3 1868 when it was entered of Record
James W White Town Clerk

U.S.B.$10.

Know all men by these presents that We Rufus E Warren of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Principal, and Samuel Harrington and Jonathan D Wheeler of Said Grafton as Sureties, are holden and firmly bound to Said Town of Grafton, or its certain Attorney in the Sum of twenty Thousand Dollars, for the payment of which well and truly to be made, we bind Ourselves, Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents.

Sealed with Our Seals an dated this Sixteenth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Eight.

The condition of this Obligation is Such that whereas, the Said Rufus E Warren has bun chosen Treasurer of Said Town of Grafton for the current Year and has Accepted that Office and bun duly Sworn to the discharge of its duties-

Now if the Said Rufus E Warren as Treasurer as aforesaid, Account for all moneys which may come into his possession, and also with deligence and fidelity discharge all the Other legal duties of the aforesaid Office, then this Obligation Shall be void, Otherwise Shall remain in full force and Virtue

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
James W White

Rufus E Warren LS
Sam Harrington LS
Jon D Wheeler LS.

Approved April 6 : 1868
C Fowler, Clerk.

A Copy Recvd April 6th 1868

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 6th 1868

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs. met in the Town Hall pursuant to adjournment from the Second day of March now last past. and transacted the following business. viz.

The meeting was called to Order by S D Hall Moderator. and On motion of W D Wheeler it was voted to dispense with the reading of the Records of the last meeting.

Took up the Second article in the Warrant and. By Ballot chose Rufus E Warren Highway Surveyor in place of B Newton who was chosen March 2d 1868 but declined Serving

By Ballot chose John W Bigelow General School committee. in place of. T K Whitmore who was chosin March 2d 1868 but declined serving

By Ballot Chose William A White Constable in place of William C Bassett who was chosen March 2 1868 but declined Serving-

By Ballot Chose. Purley Goddard. Constable in place of Ezekiel Fowler who was chosen March 2d 1868. but declined Serving.
Purley Goddard was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office as Constable April 6th A D 1868 By James W White Town Clerk-

By Ballot Chose. H K Cady Constable in place of E C Thurber. who was chosen and qualified March 2d 1868 but resigned March 14th 1868

Henry K Cady was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of Constable April 18th 1868 by James W White Town Clerk

By Ballot chose E R Knowlton Constable in place of Aaron Elliot who was Chosen March 2d 1868. but declined Serving

By Ballot chose Simon T Pierce Constable in place of James W McKenzie who was chosen March 2d 1868. but declined Serving

Simon T Pierce was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office as Constable April 6th 1868 By James W White Town Clerk

By nomination chose for Field drivers

Benjamin Haywood
Joseph Henry
George M Newton
John C Leland
Israel Mowry

Sworn April 11th 1868 By Town Clerk

Sworn April 6th 1868 by Town Clerk

By Nomination chose Sumner Dinsmore Fence viewer in place of H C Greenwood who was chosen March 2d 1868 but declined Serving —
S Dinsmore Sworn April 7th 1868 By J W White Town Clerk

By Ballot chose Noah K Merriam Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery in place of R D Chase who was chosen March 2d 1868 but declined Serving

Rufus E Warren declined Serving as Highway Surveyor and by Ballot chose James G Putnam in his place. James G Putnam Sworn as Highway Surveyor April 7th 1868 By James W White Town Clerk

Took up the 14th article in the Warrant and On Motion voted to leave matter of this article in the Hands of Selectmen

adjourned for One hour

At the Expiration of the hour Met according to Adjournment and took up the twelfth article in the Warrant, and On motion of John McClellan, it was voted to reconsider the vote whereby two thousand Dollars was appropriated for repairs of Highways the ensuing year passed march 2d 1868

On motion of John McClellan it was voted to appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for repairs of the Highways Town ways and Bridges the ensuing year

On Motion of Winthrop Faulkner It was voted to reconsider the vote passed March 2d AD 1868 whereby One thousand Dollars was appropriated for the Library.-

On Motion of Winthrop Faulkner It was voted to appropriate five hundred dollars for the Library for the current year

And the Meeting was dissolved—

Attest James W White. Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Sixth day of April next at two Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles to wit,

Art 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting-

Art. 2d To See if the Town will authorise their Treasurer to borrow Money for the use of the Town or act thereon

" 3d. To See if the Town will make a Special appropriation of Money for the purpose of Under-draining the road leading from the Common in the South of the Town to Worcester by George W Estabrooks' House as far down the Hill as may be deemed Expedient, or Act thereon as petitioned for by Samuel Harrington and Others-

" 4th To See what measures the Town will take to build the new road recently laid out and Ordered by the County Commissioners near Benjamin W Fays,

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Village and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said meeting-

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid=

Given Under our Hands this twenty fourth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Eight

Chas C Wood
Charles Fowler
H C Greenwood
W D Wheeler
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton April 6th 1868

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting as therein directed

S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy of Warrant and return

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 6th 1868

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and town affairs. met in the Town Hall at two Oclock P M and By Ballot chose S D Hall Moderator

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to Authorise the Trasurer to borrow Money for the use of the Town under the direction of the Selectmen.

Took up the third article in the Warrant and on Motion of Winthrop Faulkner it was Voted to appropriate five hundred dollars. for the purpose contemplated by this Article —

On Motion of Winthrop Faulkner. it was Voted that the Selectmen have charge of the work contemplated in this article

Took up the fourth article in the warrant and on Motion Voted that the Selectmen cause the road refered to in this article, to be builded in such manner as in their Judgment shall be deemed best —

Then dissolved the Meeting —

A True Record

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 23d 1868

At a Meting of the Selectmen of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held this tiorty third day of April AD 1868 for the purpos of appointing those Town Officers they are authorised by Law and were instructed by Vote of the Town at it Annual Meting held March 2d AD 1868 to appoint, the following Persons were appointed to the following Offices Viz

For Engineers

Sullivan Dadmun S A Knowles.
Wm T Barker W D Wheeler. J W McKenzie
Silas Winton G C Taft Wm G Scandlin
Silas E Stowe Simeon E Crombe. Wm C Bassett
Henry F Wing-

For Measurers of Wood & Bark-

James W White. Ezekiel Fowler. Geo. R Brown
Wm A White Isaac E Harrington L H Bigelow
W L Munyan-

For Weighers of Coal

Samuel Harrington George K Nichols
G. C. Taft. I. E. Harrington Wm A White

For Sealer of Weights & Measures

James W White Declined Serving

For Measurer of Rough Leather

James W McKenzie

For Sextons-

James Gleason L H Bigelow. F A Hall

June 8th 1868. Benjamin Kingsbury was this day Appointed Pound keeper by the Selectmen and duly Sworn to the discharge of the duties of the Office by J W White Town Clerk

Know all men by these presents that we Henry K Cady of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Principal, and I A Knowles and Summer Packard, both of Said Grafton as Sureties are holden and Stand firmly bound and Obliged unto the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the full and just Sum of five hundred dollars to be paid unto the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, their Successors or assigns, to which payment well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves Our heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents -

Sealed with Our Seals, dated the Eighteenth day of May in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Eight,

The condition of this Obligation is Such that whereas the Said Henry K Cady has been duly Elected and Sworn as One of the Constables of Said Town of Grafton for the Year Ensuing the first Monday of March A D 1868. Now if the Said Henry K Cady. Shall faithfully perform all of his duties as Such Constable in the Service of all civil processes which may be committed to him, then this Obligation Shall be void Otherwise to remain in full force

Executed in presence of
James W White
L K Leland

Henry K Cady - L S
I A Knowles L S
Summer Packard L S

U S R $100

A Copy Recorded at 7h 30m P M May 18th 1868
James W White Town Clerk

Examined and Approved May 18th 1868
Chas C Wood. } Selectmen
W D Wheeler. } of
H C Brunwood } Grafton

A Copy
James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the Eighth day of June next, at One Oclock in the afternoon to act on the foll=owing Articles to wit -

Article 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting

" 2d To See if the Town will discontinue the Town Road leading to Pigeon Hill So called, Or So much of it as is East of the House of George W Hall and instruct the Selectmen to Re-locate the Same or So much of it as in their Judgment may be deemed advisable as a private way for the benefit of the Owners of Land adjoining Said road, or act thereon as petitioned for by E. B. Bigelow and Others -

" 3d To See if the Town will authorise the Extension of the drain being laid in the new County road leading from Grafton Common to Worcester from the Southerly terminus of Said drain as now being constructed to a point on Said road opposite the Enclosure on Said Common or act thereon as petitioned for by Wm F Slocum and Others -

" 4th To See if the Town will make a further appro=priation of Money for the purpose mentioned in the foregoing article and for repairs of the Highways, or act thereon as petitioned for by Wm F Slocum and Others.

(over.)

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Center of Said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnumsville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting -

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under Our Hands this thirtieth day of May in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight.

Chas C Wood
H C Greenwood
W D Wheeler
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton June 8th 1868

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town and at the Post Office in New England Village Farnumsville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting - as therein directed -

S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy of Warrant and Return

James W White Town Clerk -

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the Eighth day of June A D 1868. at One Oclock in the afternoon and transacted the following busuness viz—

1st By Ballot chose W D Wheler Moderator— The Voting List being used at this Election—

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant. and on Motion of E B Bigelow it was Voted to discontinue So much of the road refered to in this article as is East of the House of George W Hale and instruct the Selectmen to Re Locate the Same as So much of it as in their Judgement may be deemed advisable. as a private way for the benefit of the Owners of Land adjoining Said Road—

Took up the Third Article in the Warrant. and on Motion of James W McKenzie it was Voted to pass Over the Article—

Took up the fourth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to pass Over the Article—

All the articles in the Warrant having been acted upon. the Meeting was dissolved.

A True Record

Attest James W White Town Clerk—

Worcester SS.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton. On Tuesday the twenty third day of June Current at two Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles, to wit

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting-

" 2d To See if the Town will Vote that no license Shall be granted in Said town which will authorise the Sale to be drunk on the premises of Either distilled or fermented Liquors or both. or act thereon as petitioned for by S J Axtell & Others

" 3d To See if the Town will discontinue a Town Road commencing South Easterly of the House of George M Dunn. On the County Road from Grafton to Upton. running northerly between the House and Barn of Said Dunn about thirty rods to the Town Road leading from the Old Prentice place So called to Wm A Fiske or act thereon as petitioned for by Geo M Dunn and Others-

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders Village. Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting-

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Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid—

Given under Our Hands this fifteenth day of June in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight—

Chas C Wood.
H C Greenwood
W D. Wheler
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton June 23d. 1868

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting as therein directed—

Attest. S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy Attest. Warrant and Return thereon

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton June 23d 1868

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall and transacted the following business Viz

1st By Ballot chose A M Bigelow Moderator

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and On Motion of Seth J Axtell. Submitted in Writing, It was Voted. That no license Shall be granted in the Town of Grafton which will authorise the Sale to be drunk on the premises of Either distilled or fermented liquors or both— the Vote was taken by rising Affirmativ 105— Negativ (000)

Took up the third Article in the Warrant and on Motion of Geo M Dunn it was Voted to Dis continue the Road refered to in this article

Then Dissolved the Meeting

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton September 7th 1868

At a Meeting of the remaining Members of the Board of General School Committee and the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held this day pursuant to notice duly given according to law in Such case Made and provided Rev A J Bates was duly Elected to fill the vacancy in Said Board of General School Committee Occasioned by the removal of Wm F Wheeler Esq from Town—

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the fifth day of October next at One Oclock in the afternoon, to act on the following Articles to wit

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting.

" 2 To See if the Town will Oppose the laying Out of a Road between Grafton and Upton, by the County Commissioners, Or Act thereon.

" 3d To See if the Town will Accept the Report of the Selectmen on laying Out a Road, from the House of George W Hale, Easterly Over Pegon Hill, Or Act thereon.

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting Up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farmers Ville and Saunders Village, Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given

our

Given Under Our Hands this twenty fifth day of September in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Eight.

Chas C Wood
H C Greenwood
W D Wheler
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton October 5th AD 1868

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farmums ville and Saunders Village, Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting as therein directed.

L D Hall Constable of Grafton

A True Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton October 5th AD 1868

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton. at One Oclock in the afternoon of the fifth day of October AD 1868 and transacted the following business viz.

1st By Ballot chose H C Greenwood, Moderator (Check List Used)

Took up the Second Article in the warrant and On motion of Joseph Bruce Esq. It was voted to choose a Committee of five to Oppose the laying Out of the road refered to in this Article.

Then by nomination chose Joseph Bruce Delano Pierce Esek Saunders, George M Dunn and A B Johnson for said Committee.

Took up the Third Article in the Warrant and On motion of J D Wheeler it was voted to pass over the Article

Then Dissolved the meeting.

James H White Town Clerk

Grafton October 13th 1868

At a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held this day. Lemuel Dinsmore was appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures for the remainder of the current year. and on the fourteenth day of the same October. at 9h 15m A M was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of said Office by me

James H White Town Clerk